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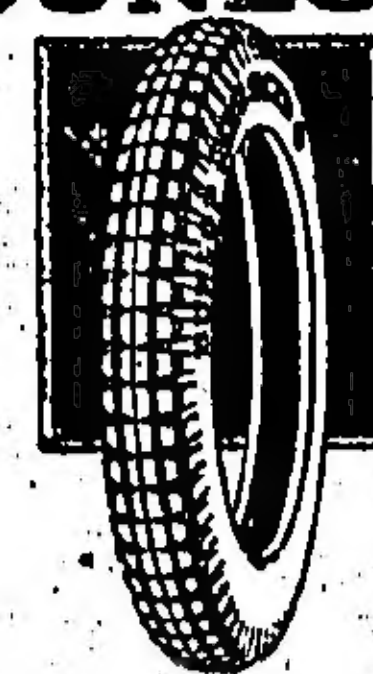
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## FINANCIAL CRISIS IN AMERICA

"UNPARALLELED PERIOD OF  
HYSTERIA"

### BANKS PUT UP SHUTTERS

#### STATE BANKING DEPARTMENT TO RESCUE

Four Toledo banks, with over \$100,000,000 in assets, did not open yesterday; and eleven Savings Associations ceased to pay out withdrawals.

The reason for this action is said to be to protect depositors and avert panic.

Six banks in Lincoln, Nebraska, and a Virginian Bank and Trust Company have also put up their shutters.

Details of United States revenue collections for the fiscal year 1931 reveals large decreases. So also do the foreign trade figures for the second quarter of 1931.

Gold imports, however, exceeded exports by £32,000,000.

### DECLINE IN FOREIGN TRADE

New York, Yesterday.  
The closing down of more banks is reported. Six small banks, with total deposits of \$1,180,000 have closed down in Lincoln, Nebraska.

The Howell Bank and Trust Company of Richmond, Virginia, with a capital of \$250,000 has also put up its shutters.

Protecting Depositors.

Toledo, Ohio, Yesterday.  
A wish to protect depositors during the "unparalleled period of hysteria" is the reason given for a decision by four banks here not to open to-day, thus tying up over \$100,000,000 in assets.

The State Banking Department is taking over these institutions. Eleven Savings Associations are also ceasing to pay out withdrawals.

Foreign Trade Decreases.

Washington, Yesterday.  
The value and volume of United States' foreign trade in the second quarters of 1931 is the lowest for many years.

Exports totalled \$121,000,000,

a decline of 35.9 per cent. in value and 20 per cent. in volume as compared with the corresponding quarter for 1930.

Imports totalled \$102,000,000 being a decline of 36 per cent. in value and 16 per cent. in volume.

Imports of gold exceeded exports by \$32,000,000.

Revenue Collections Less.

Washington, Yesterday.  
The internal revenue collections, not including the Customs, for the fiscal year 1931, dropped \$621,000,000, to \$2,428,000,000. Income tax declined \$550,000,000, and the corporation taxes declined \$237,000,000.

Ban on Cotton Growing?

New Orleans, Yesterday.  
Predicting a return of prosperity within a fortnight if immediate action be taken, State Governor Long has invited the other Governors, and Senators and Congressmen of the cotton growing States to meet on August 21 to discuss State legislation prohibiting cotton raising in 1932. Reuter's American Service.

### UNUSUAL INCIDENT AT ASSIZES.

Prejudicial Effect on  
Prisoner?

JURY DISCHARGED.

There was an unusual incident in the Chief Justice's Court, at the opening hearing of the August Assizes, this morning, when, after a jury had been empanelled, in an alleged case of piracy on the high seas, Sir Joseph Kemp ordered the jury to be discharged, and a new jury sworn, for the reason that a statement made in the opening address of Counsel for the Crown might have the effect of prejudicing the prisoner.

Prisoner, Chan Sam, who had previously entered a plea of "Not Guilty" to the charge, made a certain statement.

He was proceeding with his address, when the Chief Justice asked if it (the statement) was relevant to the case.

The Chief Justice said he was not sure that he should go on with the same jury. The question of possible prejudice was a very difficult one to discuss in Court, before the jury. He could quite imagine that the mention of the fact might prejudice them.

Mr. Fitzroy said that if His Lordship held that opinion he would certainly prefer the jury to be discharged at once.

The Chief Justice, addressing the jury, then said: Gentlemen, for reasons I need not explain to you I think it better that this case be tried by another jury. You are therefore discharged in this case, but will have to attend here tomorrow morning instead.

Later, when a new jury was about to be empanelled, the Chief Justice said that he would like to say for the benefit of the jurors whose names were about to be drawn that a jury had been empanelled in the case, but that it had been necessary for a certain reason which need not be stated to discharge that jury. It was now necessary to draw another to try it.

### ROUMANIAN BANKS RE-OPEN.

Normal Business  
Resumed.

DEPOSITORS CALM.

Budapest, Yesterday.  
All banks resumed normal business to-day, after the severe restrictions which had been imposed on them.

It was found that depositors were not, in the slightest degree, anxious to withdraw their money. In fact, there were considerably more payments in than withdrawals.—Reuter.

### STORMY WEATHER AT HOME.

High Winds and  
Rough Seas.

ISLE OF WIGHT TRAGEDY.

Rugby, Yesterday.  
Following a week-end of thunder, rain and wind, which caused much damage, stormy weather was again experienced along the South Coast to-day. High winds and the roughness of summer seas for many years are reported. Three lives are reported lost in a boating accident off the Isle of Wight, and a bungalow, which had grown up on the shingle beach near Winchester one of the old Cinque Ports, has been cut off by waves which threatened to undermine the foundations of the building.

London and other inland districts enjoyed much improved weather, but the outlook is again unsettled.—British Wireless Service.

### HUGE PLAN FOR CHINA

HER INDUSTRIAL  
DEVELOPMENT.

ROSY OUTLOOK

WILL TAKE DECADE  
TO COMPLETE.

Geneva, Yesterday.  
A telegram from the International Labour Office has been received containing information from the Chinese International Department concerning a big industrial development scheme, which is to be submitted to the Chinese Government shortly providing for the development of 120,000,000 hectares of land at present lying unused, and the construction of a mercantile marine of at least 8,000,000 tons. Other components of this scheme are extension of com-

#### OCCASIONAL RAIN.

The Royal Observatory's report, issued at 10.37 a.m. to-day says:

The Southern typhoon is shown as a depression over S. China.

The Northern typhoon is less than 300 miles E.S.E. of Shanghai, moving W.N.W.

Local Forecast:—W. winds, moderate; generally cloudy, occasional rain.

Rainfall.  
Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day 0.17 inch. Total since January 1—58.53 inches against an average of 60.65 inches—deficit 2.07 inches.

Temperature.  
The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock was:—

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|---------------|----|
| Hong Kong     | 78 |
| Pratas Island | 81 |
| Macao         | 77 |
| Manila        | 83 |
| Foochow       | 80 |
| Amoy          | 80 |
| Swatow        | 78 |
| Chefoo        | 75 |
| Shanghai      | 79 |

munications and means of transport, and the building of new factories all over China.

It is estimated that the carrying out of this scheme will require 200,000,000 tons of coal, and 12,000,000 tons of steel.

It is expected that the execution of the scheme will occupy a decade.—Reuter.

### WHEAT FOR FLOOD VICTIMS.

U.S. Asked to  
Supply.

CHINESE ENQUIRY.

Washington, Yesterday.  
The Chinese Government, it is understood, has asked the Government of the United States what quantity of wheat it has available for supply on credit for relief of the flood victims in the Yangtze Valley and elsewhere.—Reuter.

### D.E.I. DEPORTATIONS

Alleged Chinese  
Communists.

Batavia, Yesterday.  
Over 180 Chinese are to be deported from the Dutch East Indies as the result of Police investigations. They are said to be implicated in the dissemination of Communist propaganda in the Riau Archipelago.—Reuter.

### SHARES REMAIN QUIET.

Undertone Reported  
Steady.

THIS MORNING'S FEATURES.

The official summary issued by the Stock Exchange this morning states:—

The Stock Market was generally quiet this morning, but the undertone remained steady.

Banks were done at \$2.040. Unions had sellers at \$565, and sales of Underwriters took place at \$6.

Hong Kong Steamboats had buyers in the market at \$28½, but nothing transpired.

Waterboats were enquired for at \$28½ without leading to business. Providents (old) had sellers at \$6.15, but buyers would not pay higher than \$6.05.

Hotels (old) were done at \$17.45 and \$17.55, but there were sellers willing to continue at \$17.40.

Lands, with sales put through at \$91½, had buyers willing to do business at \$90½.

Realities were in demand at \$17.35, sellers asking \$17.40, and sales were reported at \$17.30.

Ewo Cottons.—Sales have to be recorded at \$15.15, but there were buyers at the close at \$15.20. Shanghai Cottons were reported to have changed hands at \$15.98½, buyers prevailing at \$15.99.

China Lights were firmer at \$26.80 buyers, but shares were not obtainable at this rate.

Hong Kong Electric were transacted at \$81½ with further buyers at the rate.

Telephones (part paid) were done at \$33½, and there were buyers prepared to pay \$33½. Cements had sellers at \$20.15, with sales negotiated at \$20.10, but buyers were willing to go on at \$20.

Dairy Farms were in demand at \$32½, and sales occurred at \$32.00. Watsons were dealt in at \$16.60, buyers offering \$16.50.

Constructions had buyers at \$13, but no business resulted.

### NEW CONSTITUTION FOR SPAIN.

War Denounced Private  
Prisoner?

A CURIOUS FEATURE.

Madrid, Yesterday.  
The new Spanish Constitution, published last night, solemnly renounces war as an instrument of national policy, affirms the right of private property, and establishes a single chamber Parliament.

A curious feature is the safeguard whereby Parliament is prevented from dominating the President and vice versa by each party having the right of appeal to the electorate to dissolve the other.—Reuter.

### CYCLONE HAVOC IN PARAGUAY.

Several Dead: Hundreds

Injured.

400 HOUSES DESTROYED.

Buenos Aires, Yesterday.  
A cyclone has destroyed 400 houses in Asuncion, Paraguay.

There are several dead and hundreds have been injured in Villarrica, Bocayaty and other districts.

Communications have been interrupted.—Reuter's American Service.

A German Mill has been installed in the Kawasak Dockyard, Kobe. It is a semi-continuous mill for rolling sheet bars and sheets. It has a rated capacity of about 500 tons a day.

## STANLEY BALDWIN HURRIES BACK

CABINET COMMITTEE STILL  
DISCUSSING PROJECTS

### HEAVY FALL OF STOCKS

RUMOUR OF TAX ON INTEREST  
BEARING SECURITIES

The Cabinet Economy Committee continues its business of considering ways and means to balance the Budget.

British Government stocks experienced the heaviest fall in recent times owing to a rumour getting abroad that a tax might be imposed on interest-bearing securities.

Mr. Stanley Baldwin's unexpected early return to London has given rise to speculation. He was not expected to return till some time after Thursday.

The Committee is determined to have a definite programme ready by Wednesday, and it is now thought certain that Parliament will re-assemble early in September.

### WEEK OF POLITICAL IMPORTANCE

London, Yesterday.

Excitement has been caused by a report from Paris that Mr. Stanley Baldwin has left Aix-les-Bains for London. He had not expected to return until after the move before receiving a report from Mr. Neville Chamberlain on Thursday after the Government had communicated its programme to Mr. Neville Chamberlain and Sir Herbert Samuel.

The Cabinet Committee adjourned after four and a half hours' discussion until tomorrow morning when it will continue probably the whole day if necessary.

In view of the principle laid down by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald that there must be "equal sacrifices for all" a proposal is seriously being examined for a tax on fixed interest-bearing securities.

Reuter understands, however, that on examination it was revealed that there were certain difficulties in the application of such a tax. Well-informed political circles consequently consider the likelihood of such a tax has been considerably lessened.

Rumours of such a plan getting abroad during the day, however, caused one of the heaviest falls of British Government stocks in recent times.

The Committee is determined to be in a position to submit a definite programme to the full Cabinet on Wednesday, which may be embodied in the new Finance Bill which would be presented to a special session of Parliament next month.—Reuter.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The Cabinet Sub-Committee of five, which is considering measures to secure a balanced Budget, met this afternoon for three

hours and, after an hour's adjournment, continued its study of the projects before it.

A week of important political events, which may lead to an early re-assembly of Parliament, began with the return to London this morning of the Prime Minister, who travelled by night from Scotland. With other Ministers, Mr. Philip Snowden, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Graham and Mr. Thomas, Mr. MacDonald will tomorrow continue preparation of proposals for the consideration of the full Cabinet on Wednesday.

On Thursday a meeting will be called to explain the financial position to the General Council of the Trades Union Congress and Executive of the Labour Party, and they will probably also be in consultation with Leaders of the Conservative and Liberal Parties with regard to the Cabinet's plans.—British Wireless Service.

London, Yesterday.

The "economy big five"—Messrs. MacDonald, Snowden, Henderson, William Graham and Thomas—again gathered in London this morning from the four corners of the kingdom, for a meeting at 4 p.m.

There is considerable activity in political circles in anticipation of the expected decision of the Government to summon Parliament after the Cabinet meeting on August 19, in order to pass legislation embodying the Government's proposals.

Various theories continue to be advanced as regards the Government's precise measures, but there seems a general agreement that a special levy on all kinds of interest-bearing securities is at least receiving serious consideration.—Reuter.

### FLOODS ABATING?

Falling Level of Water  
Reported.

PITIFUL SIGHTS.

Hankow, Yesterday.  
The river rose another three inches during the night, but there was a slight fall this afternoon, and all the ports up-river report a falling level.

Food prices are soaring, and little fresh food is available. There are pitiful sights, with refugees evacuating the railway embankment with their meagre possessions, some with their belongings on their heads, struggling

along with the water up to their chins. A few are still clinging to the embankment, though now only the rails are exposed above water.

Dead cattle and dogs are floating in the streets, and human bodies are also coming slowly to the surface.—Reuter.

### MENTAL CRUELTY.

Dempsey's Plea for  
Divorce.

New York, Yesterday.  
On the ground of "mental cruelty," the boxer, Jack Dempsey, has filed a divorce petition against his wife, Estelle Taylor, at Reno, Nevada.—Reuter.

### NO AGREEMENT.

Germany's Foreign  
Credits.

BANKERS' TALKS.

Basle, Yesterday.  
The International Bankers' conversations have not yet resulted in agreement. The chief obstacle now is the question of means to be adopted to make liquid the foreign credits at present in Germany without affecting German currency.

Changes to Re-Open.

Berlin, Yesterday.  
At a conference of the Prussian Ministry of Commerce and the Bourse Committee it was decided without question to re-open the stock exchanges in August. The date of re-opening is to be discussed at a later conference.—Reuter.

### OPIUM SMUGGLERS.

Drug Concealed in a  
Balloon.

HEAVY FINES.

A fine of \$200 or, in default, eight weeks' jail with hard labour, was imposed by Mr. Schofield, this morning, on a Chinese man, who pleaded guilty to the unlawful possession of a quantity of opium.

Revenue Officer Ward said the defendant was arrested in Com-

naught Road Central and the drug was concealed in a red balloon.

Coming off the Tung On wharf, a Chinese woman, when searched, was found to have opium tied round her legs. She pleaded guilty before Mr. Schofield and was fined \$700 or four months' hard labour, in default.

### SLAVERY REFORMS.

Experts Preparing  
Report.

Rugby, Yesterday.  
Experts, appointed at the request of the Liberian Government, following the International Report on Slavery in Liberia, to investigate the assistance which could be rendered to the Government in introducing reforms, has returned to Geneva and is preparing its report for submission to a special League Commission to be presided over by the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Henderson.—British Wireless Service.

### ACTRESS JUNE.

Granted Divorce in  
America.

Reno, Nevada, Yesterday.  
Lady Inverclyde, better known as the actress June, has obtained a divorce from Lord Inverclyde. The divorce, however, is not recognised by English Courts.—Reuter.







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## ROUND THE LOCAL CINEMAS.

### What Mail Reviewers Say.

#### "DON'T BET ON WOMEN."

Very large houses were the order of the day yesterday at the King's Theatre for the second day's screening of the farce, "Don't Bet on Women." It is a picture that should appeal to every one; at least no one last night seemed disappointed.

Edmund Lowe was his usual suave self in the chief role of the divorced husband, who was willing to make a large settlement on his former wife from whom he had been divorced for five years, on the occasion of her third marriage—this time to a poor man—out of gratitude to her for opening his eyes to the fact that all women were bad.

Roland Young was very amusing as the husband of Jeannette MacDonald. They took the parts of Mr. and Mrs. Drake, but the best performance was undoubtedly that of Una Merkel, who played the part of Talulah, who played the part of the Drake. She stole the picture absolutely from the principal actors.

The story develops from Drake, a lawyer betting Roger Fallon (Edmund Lowe), a young man about town, that he cannot kiss the first woman that comes on to the verandah on which they are standing. The first woman who eventually makes an appearance is Drake's wife (Jeannette MacDonald) and the funny situations that arise after this make a delightfully amusing comedy. We advise every one who has not seen the picture to go and have a few hours' fine entertainment.

#### From Other Sources.

##### "ABRAHAM LINCOLN"

D.W. Griffith, whose "Abraham Lincoln" is showing at the Queen's Theatre, with Walter Huston cast in the title role, came across an interesting Lincoln story while he was filming the picture.

The compiler of the "Dictionary of Congress," desiring a biography of Lincoln for publication in 1858, sent the gaunt Illinoisian the usual request for a sketch of his life. He received the following reply:

"Born February 12, 1809, in Hardin County, Kentucky. Education defective. Profession, a lawyer. Have been a Captain of volunteers in Black Hawk War. Postmaster at a very small office. Four times a member of the Illinois Legislature and was a member of the Lower House of Congress. Yours, etc., A. Lincoln.

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#### "THE STORM."

One of the most gripping pictures ever brought to the screen is "The Storm," Universal's stirring romantic drama of the Canadian wilds, which opens at the Central Theatre to-day.

"The Storm" is a tremendous drama both from its human and natural angles. Added to the fierce conflict of the elements in a most primitive setting. The scenic effects of the picture are as beautiful and awe-inspiring as the human situation is compelling.

"The Storm" deals with the eternal triangle in a most unique setting. Two men and a girl are imprisoned by winter in a snow-bound cabin in the wilderness of western Canada. The girl is a naive, impulsive French-Canadian, her natural impulses untempered by contact with civilization. The men are of widely different types. One is a city man, suave and polished, the other a stalwart frontiersman. Both love the girl—each in his own way.

Lupe Velez has never been seen to better advantage than as the little French Canadian girl. A feature of her part is the singing of a delightful song, "Chansonnette de Pierrot and Pierrette."

Paul Cavanagh and William Boyd are cast as the old friends who are torn by the desire for the one woman. Important roles are also portrayed by Alphonse Ethier and Ernie S. Adams.

#### "QUICK MILLIONS."

Much of the romance that surrounds people of the screen and stage in the minds of the public is due to the fact that they usually are shown doing things their audiences feel that they would like to do if they had the chance.

For instance, much of the romance of a picture such as "The Big Trail" rested in the adventures of the intrepid pioneers. It is certain that many who saw the picture envied the actors their roles.

Seldom, however, do players actually become imbued with the same spirit. They are exposed to such a variety of experiences that they are not working; most of them like to relax and take things easy.

Marguerite Churchill, who has a featured feminine role in "Quick Millions," Fox romance, coming next to the King's Theatre, is a notable exception. Miss Churchill, a delicately bred girl, who previously had spent all her time in cities, was enraptured with her experience in the making of "The Big Trail." From a studious, genteel young lady, she was transformed into a real outdoor girl.

Miss Churchill learned to ride in that picture, and since then has spent most of her time, when not working, on horseback.

#### "BAD SISTER."

A screen treat is assured the patrons of the Central Theatre in their next attraction which is Universal's lively comedy drama, "Bad Sister," and which presents a remarkable cast including Conrad Nagel, Sidney Fox, Bette Davis, Summerville and Zasu Pitts.

This interesting picture tells the story of an inconstant girl who trifles with the affections of many men, and who finally comes face to face with a bitter disillusionment. The original story was written by Both Tarkington, novelist, and the picture was filmed under the direction of Robert Henley.

Don't miss "Bad Sister." It is a picture which will bring you keen enjoyment.

#### "CRAZY THAT WAY."

Regis Toomey, youthful graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, smiled his way into motion pictures (Continued in next column.)

## SHADOWS BEFORE

### COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

#### Entertainments.

To-day—King's Theatre; "Don't Bet on Women."  
To-day—Queen's Theatre; "Abraham Lincoln."  
To-day—Central Theatre; "The Storm."  
To-day—Majestic Theatre; "The Spoilers."  
To-day—World Theatre; "The Shadow."  
To-day—Star Theatre; "The Divorcee."

#### Radio.

See to-day's programme on page 11.

#### Home Mails.

To-day—Inward from Europe via Siberia (Angers and Kulmerland); Outward for Europe via Siberia (President Lincoln), 6 p.m.

#### Sports.

See Sports Diary on Page 4.

#### Lammerts' Auctions.

To-morrow—"Palace Store," 23, Nathan Road, Kowloon, Stock-in-trade, 11 a.m.

#### Meeting.

To-day—Sanitary Board Meeting, 4.15 p.m.

when an alert manager caught a flash of that smile across the footlights in a Los Angeles theatre. Toomey at the time was playing in the musical show, "Hit the Deck," and had never given a thought to entering film work. The manager, however, sold him the idea and his screen debut was made in "Alibi," followed by a featured role with Richard Dix in "The Wheel of Life."

In "Crazy That Way" showing on Thursday at the Queen Theatre, directed by Hamilton MacFadden and based on Vincent Lawrence's successful stage play, "In Love with Love," Toomey plays one of Joan Bennett's discarded suitors. It has been hailed everywhere as one of the smartest, best directed and best enacted comedies that has yet come to the screen.

## POLICE RESERVE.

### Orders for the Current Week.

#### INDIAN INSPECTION.

Orders by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G., Inspector-General of Police, are as under:—

#### General.

Revolver Practice.—The regular weekly revolver practice will take place at the Bowen Road Revolver Range to-morrow. It will be open to all members of the Chinese Company, Hong Kong Police Reserve.

#### Training Course—Part II.

The weekly classes for Police Reservists at the Chinese Company's Headquarters, 17, Queen's Road Central will be held as usual to-day at 5.30 p.m. All members of the Chinese Company and of the Flying Squad who have not passed Part II of Training Course should attend.

#### Chinese Company.

Revolver Practice.—Revolver practice will be carried out on the Bowen Road Revolver Range to-morrow. All members of the Chinese Company who have not passed Part III of Training Course this year should attend without fail.

#### Indian Company.

Inspection Parade.—All ranks of the Indian Company are reminded of the parade to be held at the Police Headquarters to-morrow, for a general inspection of Equipment etc. by the Company Commander. Fall in at 5.30 p.m. sharp under P/Sgt. R. J. Hunt. Dress—White uniform; cap with white cover; belt, truncheon, whistle, armband and badge, "Pocket Policeman" and note-book to be carried. Those not in possession of uniform will attend in mufti. No member may be absent from this parade without leave from the Company Commander. The Equipment Officer will make it a point of being present. Recruits will attend.

Sharpshooters' Company. Revolver Practice.—Revolver practice will be carried out on the Kennedy Road Range to-morrow at 5.15 p.m. Members will assemble on the range at that time, with revolvers, belts and holsters. Uniform optional.

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## CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

### AUTOMOBILE CLASSIC SENSATION.

#### Withdrawal of French Aces from Race.

##### ITALIAN REMAIN.

London, Yesterday. A sensation was caused at Belmont today when news came through that the three Bugatti cars entered for the Royal Automobile Club Trophy Race in Ulster on Saturday had been scratched. The officials are mystified as regards the reason as no explanation has yet been received. The Bugattis were to have been driven by a team of French aces who were expected to fight out a thrilling struggle with the Italian team, who are driving Alfa Romeos. The withdrawal of the French team robs the race of its international character, but there are still 48 cars entered for the classic. —Reuter.

### BRITISH CYCLING SUCCESSES.

#### Nortons Win Races in Switzerland.

##### RARE SPEEDS.

Rugby, Yesterday. British machines were very successful in the Swiss Motor Cycling Grand Prix Races over the weekend. Stanley Woods on a Norton won the 500 C.C. Class at an average speed of 73.5 miles an hour, and Percy Hunt, who has won the Dutch Tourist Trophy as well as the British Tourist Trophy, riding a Norton, won the 550 C.C. Class at an average speed of 69 miles an hour. —British Wireless Service.

### AGAIN NO PLAY AT MANCHESTER.

#### Field Under Water from Rain.

##### SECOND DAY WASHED OUT.

Manchester, Yesterday. Owing to heavy rain there was no play in the third Test match at Manchester today. Several hours of steady downpour left the field under water. —Reuter.

### BILLIARDS.

#### Borderers Teams Meet in Garrison League.

##### WIN FOR "A" SECTION.

Teams from the South Wales Borderers met in the Garrison Billiards League at the Soldiers' Club yesterday evening, these being the winners of the "A" and "B" Sections.

Scores:—

"A" Team.

|               |     |
|---------------|-----|
| L/Sgt. Jarman | 150 |
| C.S.M. Smith  | 150 |
| C.S.M. Lewis  | 150 |
| C.S.M. Kite   | 132 |
| Sergt. Rice   | 95  |
| Sergt. Organ  | 150 |
|               | 823 |

"B" Team.

|               |     |
|---------------|-----|
| L/C Ellis     | 123 |
| Pte. Walters  | 110 |
| Pte. Clapp    | 124 |
| Pte. Williams | 124 |
| Drum. Mathias | 150 |
| Pte. Davies   | 189 |
|               | 801 |

### GOLF.

#### Result of Bogey Pool at Fanning.

The Bogey Pool at Fanning over the week-end was won by J. V. MacFarlan (8 down). There were 19 entries, including 18 carried forward from July.

### KENT DEFEAT NOTTS BY 6 WICKETS.

#### VOCE'S UNAVAILING EFFORT.

##### Hampshire Twice Out for 145 Runs.

##### ESSEX FAST BOWLERS.

London, Yesterday. Two matches were concluded today in the County Championship, Kent and Essex claiming full points at the expense of Notts and Hampshire.

Low scoring featured the match at Dover between Kent and Notts, excellent bowling figures being returned by both teams. In gaining their eleventh victory of the season Kent were indebted to their slow-fast combination of Freeman and Marriott. Batting first Notts were dismissed for 124, Freeman claiming 6 victims for 76 runs. Kent faced even worse on the bowlers' wicket and were skittled out by Voce (8 for 40) for 89. Notts increased their lead to 192, Marriott capturing 7 wickets for 87 runs. Kent found little difficulty in collecting the necessary runs for victory. As the result of their victory Kent now displace Notts as runners-up, providing Gloucestershire lose to Surrey. At Southampton, Essex defeated Hampshire by an innings and 62 runs in a very low scoring match, in which no fewer than four bowlers met with great success. Hampshire batted first and were dismissed for 91, Eastman claiming half the wickets for 15 runs. Essex found Kennedy in good form but managed to take a lead of 116 runs on the first innings. In their second innings the home county collapsed sensationally before Nichols (5 for 24) and H. T. O. Smith (4 for 8) and were dismissed for 54. Full results as cabled by Reuter were as follows:

Kent beat Notts by six wickets at Dover.  
Scores:—  
Notts: 124 Freeman 6 for 76;  
157 (C. S. Marriott 7 for 67).  
Kent: 89 (Voce 8 for 40).  
195 for four wickets.

Essex beat Hampshire by an innings and 62 runs at Southampton.

Scores:—  
Hampshire: 91 (Eastman 5 for 15);  
54 (Nichols 5 for 24;  
H. T. O. Smith 4 for 8).  
Essex: 207 (Kennedy 6 for 57).

### Our Sports Diary.

#### LOCAL.

LAWN TENNIS—To-morrow—Mixed Doubles—United Services R.C. v. University; Kowloon C.C. v. Club de Recreio.  
LAWN BOWLS—Saturday—Division I—Taikoo R.C. v. Craigengower C.C.; Civil Service C.C. v. Kowloon C.C.; Club de Recreio v. Kowloon B.G.C.; Division II—Craigengower C.C. v. Taikoo R.C.; Kowloon C.C. v. Civil Service C.C.; Kowloon B.G.C. v. Club de Recreio; Electric R.C. v. Yacht Club.

#### ABROAD.

CRICKET—To-day—England v. New Zealand. Yorkshire v. Middlesex. Somerset v. Sussex. Leicestershire v. Glamorgan. Northamptonshire v. Derbyshire. Gloucestershire v. Surrey. Worcestershire v. Warwickshire. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Middlesex v. Derbyshire at Lord's. Sussex v. Lancashire at Eastbourne. Kent v. Worcestershire at Dover. Essex v. Notts at Southend. Somerset v. Surrey at Taunton. Gloucestershire v. Glamorgan at Cheltenham. Northamptonshire v. Yorkshire at Northampton. Saturday, Monday and Tuesday—Middlesex v. Kent at Lord's. Surrey v. Yorkshire at the Oval. Hampshire v. Leicestershire at Bourne. Sussex v. Worcestershire at Eastbourne. Essex v. New Zealand at Southend. Gloucestershire v. Warwickshire at Gloucester. Notts v. Lancashire at Nottingham. Derbyshire v. Glamorgan at Chesterfield.  
LAWN TENNIS—To-day to Saturday—U.S. Ladies' Championships at Forest Hills.

### AMERICA WINS OCEAN YACHT RACE.

#### Tragedy Mars Sailing Classic.

##### FOUR VESSELS MISSING.

London, Yesterday. The great ocean yacht race over a course of 615 miles from Cowes to Fastnet Rock and back via Plymouth was won by the American yawl, Dorade, which recently won the trans-Atlantic race. Two American schooners, the Water Gypsy and Mistress, were second and third, respectively.

The race was marred by the tragedy of Colonel Charles Hudson, the part owner of one of the competing vessels, who was washed overboard and drowned during the gale which swept the English coasts yesterday. News is still awaited of four of the seventeen yachts which took part. —Reuter.

### MYSTERY BRITISH PLANE.

#### "Hush-Hush" Schneider Cup Entrant.

London, July 20. The British High-Speed Flight now at Calshot preparing for the Schneider Trophy contest, to be held on September 12, has undergone a change owing to the accident on July 8 in which Flight-Lieut. E. J. L. Hope had a narrow escape.

Flight-Lieut. Hope happily was unhurt, and is well, but there are only a few weeks before the contest and it is considered unreasonable to make the heavy demands on him which further practice would entail. His accident was due to a piece of the engine coming away and striking him on the head. He immediately alighted, fearing that trouble might develop, and in alighting at high speed got into the wash of a liner. The seaplane sank, but the pilot was rescued.

His place in the team is taken by Lieut. G. L. Brinton, R.N. (Flying Officer, R.A.F.), Fleet Air Arm. This officer has already been in the High Speed Flight, but when its numbers were reduced to five he and another were transferred.

The Air Ministry has received official notification that two officers, ten men, and three speed training aircraft of the Italian Air Force will arrive at Calshot on August 12 for the preliminary preparations in connection with the Schneider Trophy race.

The remainder of the team, consisting of twelve officers and forty men, will arrive on August 26. Pontons are being sent.

Although no official news has been received regarding the French entries, it is understood that three pontons are being built for them at Cowes.

The first of the new S 6 seaplanes, which has been built for this year's Schneider Trophy race was delivered yesterday at Calshot, where the British team is in training.

The seaplane was towed from the Vickers super-marine works down Southampton Water in one of the R.A.F. launching lighters constructed specially for racing seaplanes.

Squadron Leader A. H. Orlebar, the captain of the British team, and his officers lost no time in inspecting the new plane, and it is probable that Squadron Leader Orlebar will himself give the machine its first flight as soon as conditions are suitable.

Less than two months remain for practice on the new machines, the date of the contest having been fixed for September 12. The plane was at once placed in a special hangar, where it will be closely guarded day and night. Details of the machine are being kept secret by the authorities.

This seaplane and another which is near completion have been built as a result of the fund which Lady Houston placed at the disposal of the Air Ministry. Mr. R. J. Mitchell, designer of the plane which won in 1929, has been responsible for the design of these.

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# HAGEN'S DRAMATIC COMEBACK.

## WINS CANADIAN OPEN.

### REPLY TO CRITICS.

### Victory at Eleventh Hour.

### WORTH OF ALLIS.

So Walter Hagen has come back. That remark must have been a very common one in golf clubhouses after the result of the eleventh hole in the Canadian Open Championship at Toronto. Many people prompted by patriotic motives probably held that Percy Allis would pull off the event, but those who have known Hagen of old had the feeling that he would make one more "kill."

### Holding Back.

It was so like Hagen to win at the eleventh hole in a thirty-six hole replay after Allis had played the golf of his career to tie with him on the leading aggregate mark. It was just the sort of situation that would delight the smiling American's heart; the crisis that would bring out of him his greatest golf, and an incident that would make the Championship doubly worth while to him.

Here was a reply to the critics, who said that Walter Hagen was finished, that he had won his last title, and that his golf was wearing thin, and how typical of the man to answer in such a theatrically dramatic way. Hagen wallows in the dramatic, for it means publicity, and he is, as ever, a great showman.

### Great Showmanship.

In a country where showmanship is the general order of things, he has occupied a little pedestal of his own, and such are his methods and so magnetic his personality that one unconsciously finds one's heart warming towards him. He is a showman, maybe, but a very likeable one and a great golfer.

He has not been to this country since his victory in the Open at Muirfield in 1929. On that occasion after the final round, he sat swinging his legs on the edge of a table in the Press tent and made a promise. "I am coming back, boys," he said. "I wonder?"

### Worth of Percy Allis.

Percy Allis's feat in tying with Hagen and then going down after playing hurricane golf for the best part of the replay was a magnificent one, and it was just unfortunate that it was Hagen who opposed him in the extra lap.

Allis started on it with a really amazing flash of brilliance. He was three below four with four holes played, and had four strokes in hand, then. That blow, delivered right at the outset, would in all probability have crushed most opponents to such an extent that he would have had a whole host of strokes in hand at the end of eighteen holes. Hagen was the exception, and instead of a handful there was but a solitary stroke between them.

### Crowd in Frenzy.

That was soon wiped out, and though we read that Allis had the crowd in a frenzy with a wonderful two midway through the second round, it was not good enough. Hagen had his head in front and was keeping it there. The American still has that amazing power of shutting his mind completely to the bad holes.

The result was just another proof of Allis's worth, and there must have been heartburnings over it in some quarters. For was not this Allis, British born, excluded from the Ryder Cup team? There he was, tying with the great Hagen, playing his way sturdily and confidently through the rounds under none too easy conditions with all his fellow-countrymen falling by the wayside.

Most of us had heard of Allis's golfing history, but here is just one little-known fact—he served in a Highland regiment, the Black Watch, during the War.

### Forgotten Laurels.

Just as Macdonald Smith's performance last year in finishing twice as runner-up, first at Hoylake and then in the American Open, both to Bobby Jones, was overshadowed by the greater feat of the Champion, so Allis's performance in coming very near to



Who said that the Hagen era was ended?

winning the Open is already being forgotten, writes "Niblick" in The Sports Dispatch. It is the old story of the victor the spoils.

### Ahead of Armour.

How many people remember the position in the last round of the Open when Allis finished just ahead of Armour?

He had a wonderful chance of returning a 71, and looked like doing it with beautiful golf until the last hole, where he pulled a brassie. It was not a bad pull, but such a stroke got heavy punishment at Carnoustie and he was out of bounds, banged his next home on the green, and took six where a four would have given him a tie with Armour.

### National Reputation.

British golfers should take off their hats to Percy Allis, and thank him for doing something to save the national reputation, both at Carnoustie and again in Canada. He is undoubtedly the outstanding home golfer of the year.

"The great golf ball war" is still being fiercely waged in America, according to the Literary Digest, which presents an interesting summary of opinions.

"A dollar goes farther now than a year ago," says an editorial. "Not if it buys a golf ball," Life replies sassy.

In other words, just another skirmish in the duifers' war on the new golf ball—the hated 1.65—1.55. New Ball A "Pestilence."

Sentiment against the new or balloon golf ball, says Francis J. Powers in a Consolidated Press dispatch, "appears to be increasing rapidly. Referendums held by newspaper in various golf centres indicate that the larger and lighter ball has very few friends, most of them in hiding, and is nothing short of a pestilence."

## BRIDGE PLAYER DIES IN LINER.

### Tragedy on Voyage to Meet His Daughter.

When the French liner Ile de France reached Plymouth from New York it was reported that Mr. Wilbur Whitehead had died during the voyage.

Mr. Whitehead was 65 and was on his way to meet his daughter, who lives in Paris. He was one of the world's leading exponents of bridge and whist, and had represented the United States in international contests.

The body was embalmed and taken in the liner to Havre.

Mr. Whitehead was president and chairman of the Card Committee of the Cavendish Club of New York. He wrote many books on the game, chief among which were "Auction Bridge Standards," "Contract Bridge Complete," and "Contract Bridge Standards."

He was the first American author to elaborate the system of quick trick valuation of the hands for bidding purposes, and, in conjunction with Major E. Patterson, was the inventor of the "Informatory double."

The Newspaper Enterprise Association has been taking a nationwide poll among golf players, and certain early and partial returns show that players are three to one against the larger and lighter ball, the figures being 2163 for and 6403 against.

However, Mr. Powers concludes sadly in his Consolidated Press remarks:—"There is not much the U.S.G.A. can immediately do about the situation even if it were willing to listen to the duifers' cries. There is the golf-ball manufacturers' side to consider."

### Further Loss.

"The manufacturers, who were well satisfied with the consumption of the old ball, were obliged to junk moulds and equipment worth thousands of dollars when the U.S.G.A. adopted the present ball as standard. Now, if another change is made, the manufacturers will sustain a further loss, and they will not take that without some protest."

An eloquent plea for the new ball is made by no less a golfing celebrity than Bobby Jones himself. Asked by Life, which is opposing the new ball, for a comment, he replied with this telegram, published in the magazine:—

"Urge you strongly reconsider decision start campaign against new ball situation. Just beginning get over effect of adverse comment before ball has been given fair trial. I strongly favour change, and have had same reaction from everyone who has given new ball fair and unprejudiced trial. If you desire do something of help to game and those playing it, help us convince average golfer that new ball is easier and more suitable for him to play, which I think it unquestionably is."

## COUPLE DANCE FOR A MONTH.

### 752 Hours Recorded in "Marathon"

Paris, July 21. The Paris "Dance Marathon" ended at four o'clock this morning, the victorious couple having danced for 752 hours.

The winners are Mr. Ted Stanley, an American, of Miami, Florida, whose partner was a French girl. The reward for their efforts is a prize of 12,500 francs (£100).

Both had to be carried off the floor when the competition ended. The girl had worn out twenty pairs of shoes and the man eight. Both, when they were capable of speech, declared "Never again."

The second prize is won by a couple who dropped out yesterday when the male partner sprained a leg while attempting fancy steps in a semi-conscious condition.

Altogether the dancers have received 200,000 francs (£1,600) in money given by the spectators. Towards the end of the contest the dancers had to be propelled forcibly to the floor, after their fifteen minutes' rest at the end of

## RUGBY LAWS TO BE AMENDED.

### Ball Going Fairly Into Scrummage.

### OFF-SIDE PLAY.

A special sub-committee of the four home Unions, appointed by the International Rugby Football Board, has been amending the laws of the game, and the sub-committee's recommendations will be considered by a special general meeting of the Rugby Football Union.

Many changes in the laws have been suggested, most of them minor verbal improvements, but two in particular are of outstanding importance.

The first concerns the scrummage laws. For some time there have been considerable difficulties about getting the ball fairly into the scrummage. Various theories have been put forward to explain the difficulty and to formulate a solution, but most good judges are agreed that the trouble arises from what has come to be known as near-foot hooking. This means that the hooker uses the foot on the side nearest to that on which the ball is put into the scrummage, and in his attempt to deflect the ball he often causes it to rebound out of the scrummage.

### Illegal Hooking Defined.

Actually, even under the existing laws, which say that the ball is not fairly in the scrummage until it has passed both feet of a player of each team, near-foot hooking to all intents and purposes is illegal, though referees in general have never felt justified in interpreting the law strictly. They need have no scruples if the new amendment becomes law, for then the paragraph will read:

"No player in a scrummage shall raise a foot off the ground or advance a foot beyond the line of feet of his front-row forwards until the ball is fairly in the scrummage, and the first three feet of the front-row forwards of each team on the side on which the ball is being put in may not be so raised or advanced until the ball has passed them."

That is specific enough, and it clearly makes hooking with the foot nearest the side on which the ball is being put in illegal. It will, in fact, ensure a return to the method by which the ball is swept back, and as there is nothing to prevent the outside men helping the hooker, we should not only have considerably less delay in getting the ball into the scrummage, but a general improvement in healing. In my opinion, near-foot hooking has caused a definite deterioration in the standard of scrummaging, and the sooner it is abolished the better it will be for the game.

There is another addition to the scrummage laws which is significant, for it is proposed that "the player putting the ball into the scrummage shall stand about 3ft. from the scrummage, and with both hands from below the knee shall gently propel the ball, etc."

### Putting The Ball In.

The operative word here is 'gently,' and that opens up a debatable aspect of the problem. It is, of course, true that when a scrum-half shoots the ball into the scrummage like a rocket it is apt to bounce out again, but there are difficulties in the way of attempting to define the pace at which the ball is put in. As a matter of fact, with near-foot hooking abolished, I think this particular problem will solve itself, for the far-foot hooker prefers to have the ball sent to him at a moderate speed.

The second vital emendation suggested by the sub-committee is an alteration in Law 17 (b), relating to off-side. This law at present rules that a player is on-side while the ball is in a scrummage, provided that he has one foot behind it—a very convenient ruling for back-row forwards, who can be ready to pounce on the scrum-half uncomfortably soon.

The proposed alteration is that a player is off-side "if whilst the ball is in the scrummage, he is not being in the scrummage, remain with either foot in front of the ball." In other words, he must have both feet behind it, and this should appreciably restrict the activities of back-row forwards, and often give the scrum-half the extra half-second which makes all the difference.

each hour. Several collapsed, and one girl, whose partner finally refused to continue, danced by herself for several hours in the hope of finding a partner. British United Press.

## WAS THE KAISER INSANE?

### Scathing Book by Ex-Chancellor.

### ASTONISHING REVELATIONS.

Was the Kaiser insane? Ought he to have been deposed, years before the war, on account of his lack of mental balance?

It is revealed in the "Memoirs of Prince von Bulow" (Putnam's 25s), that the question was discussed behind the scenes in Germany seventeen years before the war came.

Prince von Bulow, for long Foreign Minister and Imperial Chancellor, spent five years in writing and three in correcting his books, after the war, and his manuscript was locked up in a bank until he died.

His revelations about the Kaiser are astonishing. His book is the most unsparing exposure of the Kaiser that has come from any German. It is like corrosive acid.

"Eulenburg wrote repeatedly to me," he says, "to say that he was continually preaching caution to the Kaiser, pointing out among other things that Cardinal Hohenlohe (brother of the former Imperial Chancellor) had written confidentially to him, Eulenburg, that the Kaiser must be very much on his guard, very cautious, very prudent."

"The Cardinal, he said, had written to him that he knew 'positively' that the idea was being evolved in many minds of declaring the Kaiser not responsible for his actions; there were highly placed personages who would gladly lend their hands to the institution of a suit to that end."

Bulow's memoirs, so carefully written and revised, will rub salt into the wounds of the Hermit of Doorn. Nothing has yet been written more calculated to destroy for ever the "Kaiser legend" and to set William II. down for ever a failure, a craven, and a "mockery."

He recalls that after he became the Foreign Minister and colleague of Prince Hohenlohe, the Chancellor, the Prince twice "deliberately and gravely asked me if I considered William II. to be mentally quite normal."

Bulow replied that he considered the Kaiser sane, but "neurasthenic and so is always oscillating between excessive optimism and excessive pessimism."—And then, barbing his shaft, Bulow added: "Fundamentally, his nature is not bold but timorous." Bulow seems to take a malicious delight in referring to the Kaiser's dash into Holland as his "flight"—which it no doubt was—and he rubs it in hard by contrasting the Kaiser with his wife, the Kaiserin August Victoria.

"She was apprehensive," he says, "lest the Kaiser, if he realised the gravity of the position, would suffer a complete collapse. . . . But when the debacle came she stood out like the 'muller fortis' of the Scriptures. She would never have abandoned the army and left the nation in the lurch if hers had been the choice." Bulow adds that only a few days "after the Kaiser had fled to Holland," the Kaiserin followed him.

Kaiserin's Indulgence. "He looked very woe-begone," he adds, "and not a little awkward," but she gave him a glance which meant, "Whatever you have done, you can always rely on my love, my understanding and, if need be, my indulgence."

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"It is a deeply tragic circumstance that this same monarch, who took more delight in and attached more importance to his military dignities and privileges than anything else, who was taken up with the signs of his military rank, sometimes almost revelled in them to a degree almost unheard of in any other prince, who never lost an opportunity of wearing the marshal's baton, near had his fill of parades and parade marches, cavalry charges and frontal attacks on the manoeuvre ground, 'drew back when Bellona turned her stern face' towards him, and real war began."

"During the world war any sort of serious military collaboration on the part of the Supreme War Lord, any interference, or decision, gradually became scarcer and scarcer, and finally ceased entirely. He appeared more and more rarely at the front, and when he did come he was felt and treated as an inconvenient, almost a troublesome, intruder."

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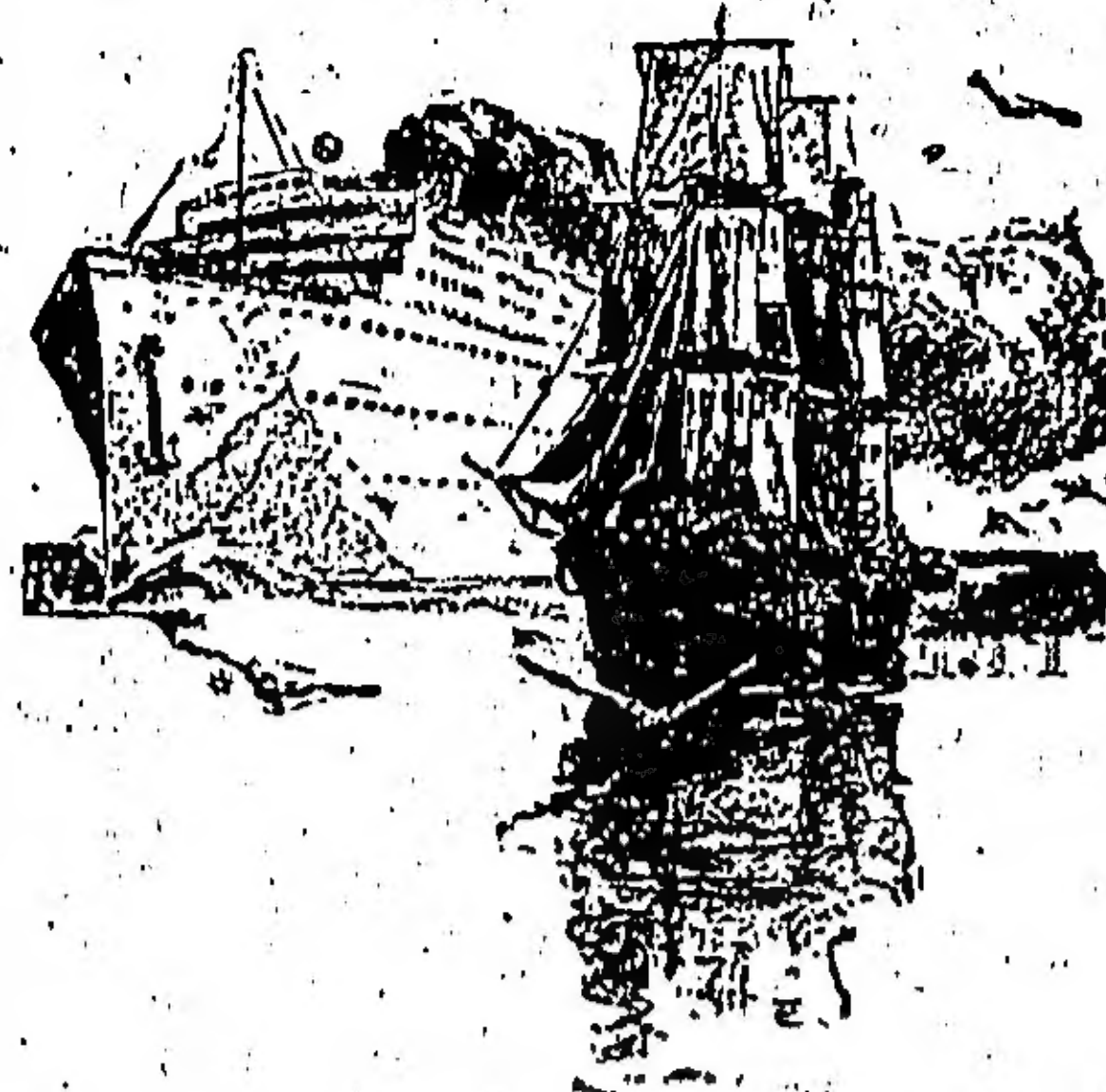
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## The China Mail

Hong Kong, Tuesday, Aug. 18, 1931.

### News in Radio.

Over three months ago we commented on resolutions adopted by the American Newspaper Publishers' Association designed to meet the competition of the radio as a news-disseminating and advertising medium. One resolution suggested that radio programmes, "if published, should be handled as paid advertising." Another dealt with the investigation of "the legality of the radio broadcasting of direct advertising." It was further suggested that a committee should be appointed to confer with the Press Associations on the question of broadcasting news reports. At the time we commented on the steady encroachment on the legitimate field of the Press in Hong Kong and in China by the radio, which had developed even to the extent of broadcasting "advertising talks" in Shanghai.

The Home papers to hand publish an article on broadcast news for the Empire, in the course of which the Prince of Wales is quoted as having pointed out the advantage to British trade through a more efficient service of British news being broadcast to overseas listeners.

A Home paper gives the experience of overseas listeners with Chelmsford, one of the latter complaining of the paucity of news. He states that overseas listeners cannot get direct reception of medium wave B.B.C. stations because of fading. And it is pointed out that for reasons of copyright the news service is practically non-existent.

There is, of course, a great difference between complaints of this kind and that ventilated by the newspaper publishers in America. In Malaya, for instance, which is mentioned in the article in the Home paper, there are hundreds of rubber estates and tin mines remote from any newspaper centre and these have to depend for the most part on the Home papers which are five or six weeks old by the time they arrive. Similarly in the bush in Australia, miles from civilisation,

there is no means except by the Radio of keeping in close touch with Australian and Home affairs. To such as these an Empire news service by radio would be a boon as well as an advantage to Empire trade. A great opportunity presents itself to the British trade campaigners, of whom the Prince of Wales is by far the most brilliant and most successful.

It will be noticed from the report of the Empire Marketing Board, also published by us today, that among the eight methods of publicity used are wireless talks to housewives, by courtesy of the B.B.C.

Thus, in its legitimate field, there is admittedly much that can be done by means of radio to further the cause of Empire trade. To go further, particularly in newspaper centres, would result in a challenge by newspaper publishers, as in the United States in regard to the competition with newspapers, both as regards news and advertising. It was suggested three months ago in this column that a Far East Newspaper Publishers' Association might be formed with advantage to deal with radio developments as they arose. We see no reason to withdraw that suggestion in the interests of the Press as a whole.

### Mail Commentary.

#### H.M.S. Falcon.

The re-creation in China of this gunboat was mentioned in the House of Commons recently when, in reply to Commander Southby's questions, the First Lord of the Admiralty stated that the contract had been given to Yarrow & Co., Limited, who had appointed the Kiangnan Company as sub-contractors. He admitted that the Kiangnan Company was Chinese-owned, but said it was understood that the works were under British technical management.

Pressed to give an assurance that in future work of this kind would be given to British and not Chinese firms, the First Lord made this astounding reply:—"I could not give any specific undertaking of that kind. If what the hon. gentleman has in mind is the labour employed, it is certain that British firms at Shanghai employ as much foreign labour as the others."

What if they do? It seems only right that the Admiralty should undertake to see that even the re-

creation of craft for the British Navy should be entrusted to a British-owned firm wherever and whenever such is possible.

And, if the Admiralty cannot see its way to do that, its contractors should. Yarrow & Co.'s action in this matter is, to say the least, surprising.

#### Industrialisation of China.

From time to time details of grandiose schemes for the industrialisation of China are broadcast the world over. They usually involve the expenditure of millions of pounds sterling, the use of millions of tons of this, that and other commodity, and estimated to occupy a decade or more to complete. But few of them ever get started, and those few seldom, if ever, complete the course. The difficulties in the way, no doubt, are enormous, and probably there is reason for congratulation for even the little that is accomplished.

And so, the scheme which is announced to-day, as grandiose and stupendous as ever, will be accepted with reserve. No doubt it is, in fact, a good wish, and so will be regarded by most.

#### Grounds for Divorce.

According to a cable to-day, Jack Dempsey is petitioning for divorce on the ground of "Mental Cruelty." The legal arguments advanced will be worth studying.

This brings to mind the case of the wife of an American scientist who, not very long ago, applied for a divorce on the ground that her husband's "affections" had been usurped by his study of natural history—a most unnatural rival, surely. Instead of mixing with his fellow-men, he preferred, it was said, to roam the Gobi Desert, searching for the remains of the earliest human species and for the dinosaur's ten-million-year-old egg.

### News in Brief.

The lowest open air temperature yesterday was 77 degrees. The humidity was 94 at 10 a.m. and 90 at 4 p.m.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek arrived at Lung-hwa yesterday afternoon by air from Kiangsi, says a Reuter message from Shanghai.

Reports that Col. and Mrs. Lindbergh had departed for Nemuro have proved to be unfounded, says a Reuter message from Tokyo.

Mr. W. Marshall, of the Standard Oil Company, returned to Hong Kong yesterday by the s.s. President Lincoln. He had been away on a short business trip to the Philippines.

A beautifully coloured illustration of a B.I. steamer, with the words: "British India Line" Ship by B.I. Travel by B.I." appears on a glass paper weight sent to us through the local agents.

A visitor to Hong Kong to-day is Mr. Robert Ralston, a prominent Real Estate dealer at Miami Beach, Florida. He is accompanied by Mrs. Ralston. They are on a pleasure tour of the Orient.

Major Rowlette, residing at the Peak Hotel, has reported to the Police that between 1.30 and 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, he either lost or had stolen a spare wheel and tyre, valued at \$60, from his car, which was parked outside the hotel.

Reported to be missing from 13 Tai Pak Terrace, Kennedy Town, the body of a married woman, identified as Ma Chau-ngan, aged about 23 years, was found washed up on the foreshore at Kennedy Town yesterday. It is believed that she committed suicide.

A talking picture, which has been booked for a run at the King's Theatre shortly, and which promises to be first class entertainment, is "The Lawyer's Secret," a gripping romance. It features Clive Brook, Charles Rogers, Richard Arlen, Fay Wray and Jean Arthur. This is the first time since "Wings" was filmed that Rogers and Arlen are together again.

A murder in Macao on Chinese New Year's day (February 17) this year was recalled in the Central Police Court yesterday afternoon, before Mr. Schofield, when extradition proceedings were commenced against a fugitive, Chan Yee-wo, who is wanted by the Macao authorities for the alleged murder of Chan Lan-sang. After Inspector Fallon had given evidence of arrest the case was adjourned until Thursday afternoon.

The master of the Sam Kwong Pepper shop at 48 Queen's Road West, has reported to the Police that a salesman collected \$355 on July 4, from various shops, and has since absconded, it is alleged.

After 13 years' service with the U. S. Asiatic Fleet, Lieut. A. C. Leonard is returning to the States aboard the s.s. President Lincoln. He is accompanied by Mrs. Leonard and son.

Mrs. Moelich, who is passing through Hong Kong on board the s.s. President Lincoln, is the wife of the representative of the Wm. Cheung Gum Company in the Philippines. She is en route to the States.

Mr. J. A. Fraser, as Coroner, conducted an enquiry at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon regarding the death of a man, Wan Ho (46) who was run over by a truck. He sustained injuries to his chest from which he succumbed on July 30. The Jury returned a verdict of "Accidental Death," adding a rider that all trucks of the description and weight mentioned during the enquiry should have brakes.

### HOPE FOR NURSING HOME VICTIMS.

### Anaesthetic Induces 3 Days' Forgetfulness.

A London authority has been describing how the new German anaesthetic, avertin, is used.

"Its principal virtue," he said, "is the gentleness with which it prepares a patient for an operation, and the slow and thorough way in which it allows him to recover afterwards."

"In many cases it is not until after two days that a patient realises he has undergone an operation."

"The patient is weighed, and the dose is made up strictly in accordance with the weight. Half an hour before the time of the operation, the drug is administered and the patient gradually falls asleep."

"The operation is then performed—but the patient sleeps on blissfully for at least another twelve hours."

"He awakens slowly, and it takes two, or perhaps three, days for him to become really wide-awake."

Like A Child.  
"During the important period after the operation when his progress might otherwise be seriously retarded by the thoughts of what has been happening to him he is sleeping like a child."

The anaesthetic has been the subject of intensive research and experiment in the laboratories of Germany for the past few years, and one prominent London hospital has been using it for six months.

Avertin's existence was made known to the general public recently when at a Reading Inquest it was revealed that the drug had been used in a case of tetanus for the first time in this country.

"It is a wonderful anaesthetic for nervous people," said a well-known London specialist recently. "Those who have had operations performed upon them with avertin as the medium are going about exulting it for all they are worth."

Only anaesthetists who have made a thorough study of the drug are at present allowed to use it.

### SPENT 40 YEARS IN PRISON.

Robert Wilson (70), of Liverpool, was at the Preston Sessions a few weeks ago sentenced to two years' hard labour for ten cases of false pretences in the Liverpool and Ormskirk areas committed during eight weeks after leaving prison in April. He had 85 previous convictions, and had spent 40 of the last 50 years in prison. His general method was to represent himself as a foreman on some public work, get lodgings, and, next morning, borrow money and disappear.

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## ROMANCE IS NOT DEAD.

### Enchanting Music on Heart Strings.

#### ALL ACHE AND LONG.

What do we mean by Romance anyway? In spite of what the cradite would have us believe, Romance is simply the enchanting music produced on our heartstrings by the cunning hand of nature. The world in its gadding way has inextricably interwoven the sexes into the fabric of Romance—but there is a mystic Romance in the myriad noises of civilized life—in the whirr of machinery—yes, even in the shrill call of the evening paper urchin, writes T. C. M. in the "Statesman."

We are not all philosophers enough to see Romance in the opening of a flower, or in the twitter of sparrows at nesting-time, but our hearts throb in unison with the occupants of a coupe reserved for a honeymoon trip. That is as it should be according to all accepted standards, for our ideas of Romance ever point to that sublime consummation; we all ache and long for that kind of Romance.

There are those in whom the "grab" instinct is highly developed, who let not a single opportunity escape them of preening a funeral oration on the "Dead Age of Chivalry." "Romance is dead," they wail, "and her throne is filled by the dollar." This may be so in many instances, but to the vast majority the call of Romance comes at most unexpected moments, and the response is instantaneous because it is inherent. And the more highly developed we become, the greater the strain put upon our sensibilities, the more will we be susceptible to Romance—to that mysterious happiness which is so elusive in its charm, yet so positively soul-satisfying.

Modern conditions, and particularly the unaccountable rush, that paralyze calmer natures, rather accentuate Romance when it does drift our way. We are delightfully surprised; it presents such a sharp contrast to our every day routine; so entirely different from the bills, and cheques, and quotations, that form our mental menu from sunrise to sunset. Think too, of the Romance that thrills us and quickens our heart beats, when we have helped lift the burden of some less fortunate voyager on life's stormy bilows.

Let the grouser grouse in his insatiable self-interest; let him grovel his way into the grave, for who can open his eyes to the green of Spring, or to the delicate tints of a rose-bud? Who can tell him of the music of a child's prattle or of the exquisite harmonies in the rushing waters of a mountain torrent? Will he ever see, think you, that the rainbow is aught other than a scientific phenomenon, or that the dog was meant for any other purpose than to keep house for him and to win prizes at a dog show? Let him, I say, ring his own knell, but let us be grateful that our calmer natures respond to the many voices around us that whisper—incessantly whisper—of a happiness which though it means nothing in coin of the realm, is yet priceless.

Let us sing a poem of thanksgiving that Romance still lives wherever human hearts beat, for man is but a creature of Romance—one glorious triumphant Romance.

### Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of August 18, 1921.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/9½.

This month's Criminal Sessions did not last more than fifteen minutes this morning. There was only one case and a plea of "guilty" was entered. A Chinese was placed in the dock before Mr. J. R. Wood sitting as Criminal Court Judge, in the Summary Court, charged with having helped a man on the evening of August 6, to rob Miss Julia Ahwee, while she was riding in a riksha in Kowloon. Sentence of five years' hard labour and ten strokes of the cat was imposed.



## ANCIENT DEW PONDS OF ENGLAND.

Why They Are Never Dry.

### MODERN EXAMPLES.

In agricultural England two men hold a secret which is said to have been handed down from one generation to another from primitive times. The secret relates to the exact method of construction of Dew Ponds which remain full of water while large ponds in valleys dry up.

Their name is Smith, they live near Basingstoke, and have made these ponds in almost every county in England and Wales.

This is how they do it.—They dig out soil to a depth of 5 ft. in the centre, sloping upwards to the edges where it becomes level with the ground and is then banked up 18 inches. The pond is lined with straw. The straw is covered with clay and the clay covered with lime, but the lime is on no account allowed to mix with the clay.

A special substance is mixed with the lime, and it is in the constitution of this substance that the secret of the brothers lies.

Plain earth is laid over the lime, and hammered down with wooden rams to make the bed of the pond. That completes the job, and it only remains to wait for the pond to fill from rain. After that, the less rain the more easily the pond remains filled and stock may be watered from it when other sources have dried up.

### Science Fails to Explain.

There is a scientific explanation, of course, and that is that the layer of dry straw insulates the earth below, and prevents heat passing from it to the water in the pond.

The water thus remains cold and causes the moisture-laden air to part with its water—hence the term Dew Pond. The heat of the day also causes evaporation, which lowers the temperature and further facilitates condensation.

The brothers have not been able to keep their secret, in its entirety, to themselves, save for the composition of the special mixture which they make themselves.

### Ancient Origin.

An important fact about these ponds is that since they are invariably located on high land and on hill tops they are evidently not filled by any system of drainage and soakage. That is indeed their origin, which goes back into the dim past when primeval ancestors never felt safe from attack unless their camp or fort was located on a hill top and their water supply assured.—They assured it—by means of Dew Ponds.

What particular value adheres to the special mixture of the Smith Brothers which they mix with the lime is not apparent, but the fact remains that their ponds are very effective, and they have even been invited to go abroad and make ponds in California and elsewhere, but they say they have all the orders they need in England.

### Bound by Oath.

They have taken an oath of secrecy handed down through their family for many generations, and they say they cannot leave their secret to the nation because of that oath.

## "TOO RIGHT"

It's So Expressive.

### HUMAN SPEECH.

Adelaide, June 27.

"Bydney appears to be the main offender with nasalisation, because of its many American visitors," said the Rev. G. E. Hale, Unitarian minister and elocution authority, to-day.

Miss Alice Smith, lecturer in voice production at the Melbourne Teachers' Training College, is leading a campaign for clearer and better speech, and has a special grudge against "good-oh" and "right-oh."

Mr. Hall, who was taken to task for saying "too right," argued that it was more suitable than "most certainly." He said there was a danger of language purists becoming too highbrow. "Speech" was very human.

The new Four Pong Flour Mill at 25, Mokashan Road, Shanghai, is described as China's largest and most modern mill. It was installed by Messrs. Henry Simon Ltd. of Stockport, England. It is now a 1,000 barrel mill and was augmented to this figure in June last.

## FRANCE'S FORTRESS FOR GOLD.

Rivals any Romance in Fiction.

### GOLCONDA OF WEALTH.

The story of the digging of new vaults for the Bank of France, in which to safeguard more than one-half of its total gold reserve, is said to rival any romance in fiction.

The approach to the vaults, we are told, is guarded by such monsters of steel and concrete in the shape of doors and revolving walls, shafts and elevators, passages cut through solid rock and lined with chrome steel plates two feet thick, that one is struck with awe in approaching this Golconda of wealth beyond human imagination.

German Big Bertha shells and bombs from Zeppelins and Gothas, relates Harold G. Cardozo in the Continental Edition of the London Daily Mail, caused the governors of the bank to consider seriously, after peace was signed, the devising of a huge, underground vault.

Shell-Proof.

It is designed to be proof not only against the common wiles of safe-breakers and wall-pickers, it appears, but also to withstand the most terrific bombardment—that military genius can imagine.

It is intended also to house not only gold and notes and scrip, the wealth of a city in jewels and papers, but also a war-time emergency staff.

"The store of gold held by the Bank of France, according to its most recent weekly balance-sheet amounts to no less than £411,040,219, which is more than twice that held by the Bank of England."

"The rapid growth of the Bank of France's gold reserve will be seen from the fact that it stood at only £253,776,875 at the end of 1923, £271,563,526 in February, 1929, and £341,893,396 in January of this year."

"More than £60,000,000 have been added to the huge store in the past ten months."

"I have just been privileged to be one of the very few people admitted to the great vaults in Paris where the Bank of France keeps the main portion of its bullion reserves."

"I have laid my hand on thousands of those oblong yellow bricks which are French or American ingots and on the sloping truncated blocks which are made of British gold."

"In the bright light of the enormous underground vaults of the Bank of France, the rows and rows of ingots piled one on another in great steel cupboards shone dully behind the simple screen of woven wire, with tiny cardboard tickets bearing merely a handwritten date and figure."

Hoard of £216,000,000.

"There was just 27 milliards of francs in gold (about £216,000,000), or more than half of the total reserve. The rest is kept in other vaults, not only in Paris but throughout France."

For three years, shifts of workmen have been busy night and day hewing out of the rock beneath the bank a vast underground chamber measuring 10,000 square metres in area, or in other words, a square about two and one-half acres in extent.

Above the rocky roof of this chamber are at least thirty-six feet of rock and water, representing a weight of thousands of tons. To this must be added the weight of the new bank building:

"As the vault was excavated, the roof was kept up by huge cylindrical concrete pillars, and when the whole space was hewn out there were 750 of these pillars."

"The walls were built of fifteen feet of reinforced concrete, with a watertight layer of a patent asphalt preparation in the middle to prevent the outside water percolating. And thus the largest safety vaults in the world were brought into being."

"The approach to these vaults is curious in the extreme as regards the defences which have been imagined, not against any puny safe-breaker with their oxy-hydrogen blowpipes, but against the organized forces of an enemy army or of a fresh Commune in Paris."

The shaft through which I was taken by one of the highest officials of the bank, with an escort of other officials carrying keys and blue-uniformed porters to work the mechanism, is protected by a wall of concrete and steel, more than twenty feet thick.

"The first door, with its multiple safety locks, appears as just a sheet of steel painted a glistening white like the walls of the vault, for already we are in the second floor down of cellars."

"But there are a few small round holes to which a handle is attached and then a wheel, and, finally, a key slides home—absolutely small, it seems for such a gigantic slab of steel—and two men haul the huge door back flush with the wall behind."

"This door is over two feet thick and is made of steel that is proof against any blowpipe known."

"The safe experts compute that were the keys of this and the other door lost, it would take at least two months to blast a way through, working without let or hindrance night and day."

The opening of this door reveals a passage a few feet deep, and then there appears a blank wall. This wall is described as slightly rounded, and of solid steel and concrete eighteen feet thick. There does not appear a crack or a chink by which an entry can be made. It is a blind alley—

### Door Weighing 14 Tons.

"But no—there is a way of getting past this barrier if the secret pass-words are known, far more complicated than Aladdin's 'Open Sesame.'"

"This blank wall is part of the surface of a huge cylinder of concrete faced with steel eighteen feet in diameter."

"In the passage wall another steel door bars access to an electric motor which, if everything is normal and the right keys are produced, revolves the massive cylinder on its pivot in a quarter-circle, disclosing a steel and concrete armour plate in the form of a gigantic rectangular 'cork' as the bank officials call it."

"It weighs more than fourteen tons, and when in turn its bolts have been drawn, an electric trolley runs up on rails and slowly pushes this eighteen-foot-deep wedge down the passage, leaving the way free."

"Eight tons of solid steel (the first door), and fourteen tons of steel and concrete (the 'cork'), had been manoeuvred, unlocked, and driven aside, and the long passage with its steel sides, steel floor and steel roof, was awaiting me."

"Suddenly, just as if this gigantic mechanism had been working for her sole benefit, a little old woman clad in spotless white, a dainty white bonnet on her silver hair, and a duster in her hand, appeared, apparently from nowhere. She was one of many who work deep underground keeping spotlessly clean the Palace of Gold."

"I passed on through these fortress gates and reached the shaft which takes one by lift or stairway to the outer walls of the vaults eighty feet below. This first gate was merely a Sally port."

"Here again, where not even a tremor of the far-distant street traffic can be heard, but which, all the same, is full of strange thrummings and the rhythmic hum of hidden machinery, are the same devices and others, perhaps stranger still, known only to about a dozen bank officials, to protect the entrance to the great underground chamber itself."

"These doors, however, are only to be shut in time of the greatest peril, as they can be opened from outside, but only by the garrison which has locked itself up with its fantastic stock of gold."

### Kitchen In The Vaults.

Escorted down another passage, the writer was taken to a great kitchen with gigantic steam-heated stoves, oil-heaters and electric kitchen ranges "as big as those in a palatial hotel." He tells us further that meals for 2,000 clerks and officials can be prepared in the bank kitchens, and he adds:

"Supplies of tinned and preserved foods are always kept in readiness, and there is a huge refrigerator to hold sides of beef and sheep by the score, as well as fresh vegetables and other foodstuffs."

"Situated far underground as they are, condensation would render conditions in the vaults extremely unpleasant but for ingenious ventilating and damp-absorption devices."

The York Safe and Lock Company of New York has on hand two outstanding undertakings. First, is the installation of a massive circular steel door in the vault of the Kinchen Banking Corporation of Shanghai (the first work of the kind to be done in China), and the building of the largest bank vault in the world at Tokyo for the Bank of Japan.

## LEARNING TO READ IN RUSSIA.

Forty Per Cent. Adults Illiterate.

### CHILD TEACHERS.

It is estimated that 30 to 40 per cent. of adults in the Soviet Union are still illiterate; in some districts as many as 60 per cent. of the population are analphabet. Last year compulsory education was introduced for children of from eight to twelve years of age, and all the time, without cessation or interval, propaganda is carried on in every kind of dress to encourage adults to "liquidate their illiteracy."

Posters show the child teaching the mother, the movie and the radio gives lessons, the "talkie" pronounces the letters of the alphabet, travelling schools and libraries visit the villages. In the republics of the Union the language of the nation is taught, and the reading books are, many of them, translated into 53 languages.

At the Gosessdat—the State Publishing House—they showed me their books specially printed for illiterates (writes Ella Winter in the Manchester Guardian). They are books just as well suited to a foreigner learning the Russian language or to a small child. The first pages are printed in very large type; the alphabet is given in print and in script, in small letters and in capitals; then follow words, phrases, short sentences.

Very short stories come next, as in our childhood's "French with-out Tears," and every story is accompanied by an illustration. The stories give pictures of present-day Russia.

### "Let Us Learn."

I was shown four books in particular which serve as beginners' literature, two for townsfolk and two for peasants. The town book is called "Let Us Learn," the peasants book "The Red Ploughman; A Country Alphabet for Adults." Each contains little stories about workers in the old life and the new women and their position, children in nursery schools, how workers live, what they produce, and so on. Many are very moral little tales. There are lessons against the evils of drink, quite like Mrs. Henry Wood; against excess of eating, smoking; against slackness in work, and so on. Some of the stories are humorous.

The lesson teaching the time has a picture of a clock, the explanation of sixty seconds in a minute, sixty minutes in an hour, and so on, and then goes on to tell how many hours workers worked before the revolution and how many they work now, how many hours there are to a shift and when the shifts change. The town book, in explaining about health and diseases, tells about the night sanatoria to which workers may go when they are threatened with illness. There are pictures of Lenin, Stalin, Kollinai, and other Soviet leaders; stories of a boy's life in a factory, of how they live in a Commune, of the behaviour of a certain religious sect in one works (with an anti-religious moral).

### For The "Little-Cultured."

In addition to these primers, or "text-books," a number of books are specially printed for "the little-cultured." There is a fat "second book" for the peasant and the town worker respectively, the town book with a great many statistics (in picture form) and graphs, pictures of Russia with the factories under the Five-year Plan spread all over it, tales from the history of the Revolution. The town book has pictures and articles about bees and caterpillars and insects harmful to crops, and a great deal about the wild flowers found in the fields. Then there are men looking up at aeroplanes, facsimile reproductions of marriage and divorce certificates, and other methods of explaining the new social arrangements and institutions of this new world.

Works of well-known writers are also reprinted in large letters for the illiterate—either in whole or in part. Or short stories are taken from the classics and reprinted with illustrations. Tolstoy's "Poliushka" has been so reprinted, and many of Maxim Gorki's stories, and excerpts from Dostolevsky, and others. Sometimes well-known writers of to-day are commissioned to write special "stories" for "the little-cultured," sometimes men are engaged who write nothing else.

Out of the Mouths of Babies.

Here is one very moral little tale from the first book for town workers. It is called "Against

## Q.M.S. HILL.

Laid to Rest at Happy Valley.

### MILITARY FUNERAL.

The funeral of Q.M.S. W. S. Hill, who died suddenly on Sunday, took place with full military honours, at Happy Valley yesterday evening. The service was conducted by the Rev. J. C. Knight Anstey. Mrs. Hill and Master Billy Hill were the chief mourners.

The band of the South Wales Borderers led the cortege, and amongst the Service representatives were Col. J. H. Thom, D.S.O., R.A., Brigade Officers, Indian Officers, Royal Engineers, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, R.A.S.C., and R.A.O.C.

H.M.S. Otus also sent representatives, as did the R.A.O.B. Kowloon Dock Recreation Club, and Referees' Association. Many colleagues and friends attended, in addition.

The profusion of wreaths testified to the esteem and affection in which Quartermaster Sergeant Hill was generally held.

Mrs. Landolt's Funeral.

The funeral of Mrs. J. S. Landolt (nee Cynthia Tavares) whose death was reported in yesterday's China Mail, took place at the Roman Catholic cemetery, Happy Valley, last evening, being attended by a large number of relatives and friends. The Rev. Fr. L. Rossi conducted the service at the graveside.

The chief mourners were the husband (Mr. J. S. Landolt), father (Mr. J. M. P. Tavares), and four brothers (Messrs. J. F., A. M., A. R. and A. E. Tavares).

In addition to the above, Mrs. Landolt is survived by her mother, a sister (Mrs. C. M. Tavares), and two other brothers (Mr. Alva M. Tavares), who is resident in Shanghai, and (Mr. Fernando J. Tavares), who is on holiday in the North.

Flowers from the husband were buried with the remains and amongst the large number of other floral tributes were the following from members of the family: "Dad," "Mother," brother and sister; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law; Harry and Emily; Tilda, Carlos, Dick and Billy; Chico and Cissy; Lucy, Alfredo, Melina and kiddies.

### NEWS IN ADVTS.

On Friday, August 28, a promenade concert is to be held at the Volunteer Headquarters, at 9.15 p.m. Among the artists who have promised to give their assistance will be Mrs. Nell Mathieson, Mrs. F. C. E. Rendall, and Mr. W. M. Barton. The Corps Band will be in attendance. Admission will be \$1, including tax.

The U.S. President Lincoln will sail for New York at midnight to-day.

### Fathers."

The workers of the Lenin factory gathered 1,500 children together. They carried large banners. This is what was written on them—

Lenin workers: You drink up 3,000 roubles every month. How many schools and clubs have you drunk away?

We have insufficient clothes, we have no shoes, and you drink. We demand sobriety.

A bottle of wine costs 1 rouble 75 kopecks. For this money we can buy milk and meat. Do not waste money on drinking!

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Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver, B.C., Aug. 1) and Europe via Siberia (London, Aug. 1) ..... Empress of Russia

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

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Java via Sourabaya ..... Tjimenteng

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

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MONDAY, AUGUST 24

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Arden ..... 5 p.m.

Bremerhaven ..... 5 p.m.

Kum Sang ..... 5 p.m.

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Poochow

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Swatow, Amoy and Poochow

Fort Bayard ..... 1 p.m.

Swatow

Cremer ..... 2.30 p.m.

Straits

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Amoy ..... 3.30 p.m.

Tainan ..... 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20.

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Manila ..... 8.30 a.m.

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Salgon ..... 5 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21.

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SAILINGS FROM HONG KONG SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

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|---|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES via Saloon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Capetown.  | Buenos Aires Maru | Thurs., 3rd Sept.           |
| MOMBASA, ZANZIBAR, DAR-ES-SALAAM, BEIRA, LORENCO MARQUES, DURBAN, PORT ELIZABETH & CAPE TOWN THENCE TO RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES via Singapore & Colombo. | Hawaii Maru       | Mon., 31st Aug.             |
| BRISBANE, SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, AUCKLAND & WELLINGTON via Manila, Japan Ports (Frequent Services).   | Sydney Maru       | Sat., 5th Sept.             |
| LONDON, HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM, & ANTWERP via Singapore, Colombo, Suez & Port Said.   | Nitto Maru        | Tues., 18th Aug.            |
| NEW YORK via Japan ports, Los Angeles & Panama.   | Burma Maru        | Fri., 21st Aug.             |
| Call Direct at Boston, Philadelphia & Baltimore.  | Alaska Maru       | Sun., 11th Oct.             |
| BOMBAY via Singapore, Belawan, Deli & Colombo.  | Kinai Maru        | Tues., 15th Sept.           |
| CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.   | Hokuroku Maru     | Tues., 6th Oct.             |
| HAIPHONG via Hobe & Pakhoi (Fortnightly).   | Shunko Maru       | Wed., 19th Aug.             |
| KEELUNG via Swatow & Amoy (8 p.m. every Sunday).  | Indus Maru        | Tues., 18th Aug.            |
| TAKAO via Swatow & Amoy (Fortnightly).  | Honolulu Maru     | Tues., 1st Sept.            |
|   | Menado Maru       | Thurs., 20th Aug. (10 a.m.) |
|   | Canton Maru       | Sun., 30th Aug.             |
|   | Deli Maru         | Thurs., 27th Aug.           |

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### WATER LEVELS.

#### Details for West, North and East Rivers.

The following table, issued by the Kwangtung River Conservancy Commission, shows in feet the water levels on the West River, North River and East River on the dates named:—

|                          | Aug. 15 | Aug. 16 |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|
| West River at Shihing    | 22.2    | —       |
| North River at Samshui   | 5.0     | —       |
| North River at Tsingyuen | 13.0    | 13.5    |
| East River at Sheklung   | 4.5     | 4.3     |

The highest levels recorded are:—Shihing, 41 feet; Tsingyuen, 29.2 feet; Samshui, 27.3 feet; Sheklung, 11.5 feet.

The lowest levels on record are minus 5 feet at Samshui and minus 2.7 feet at Sheklung.

### ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

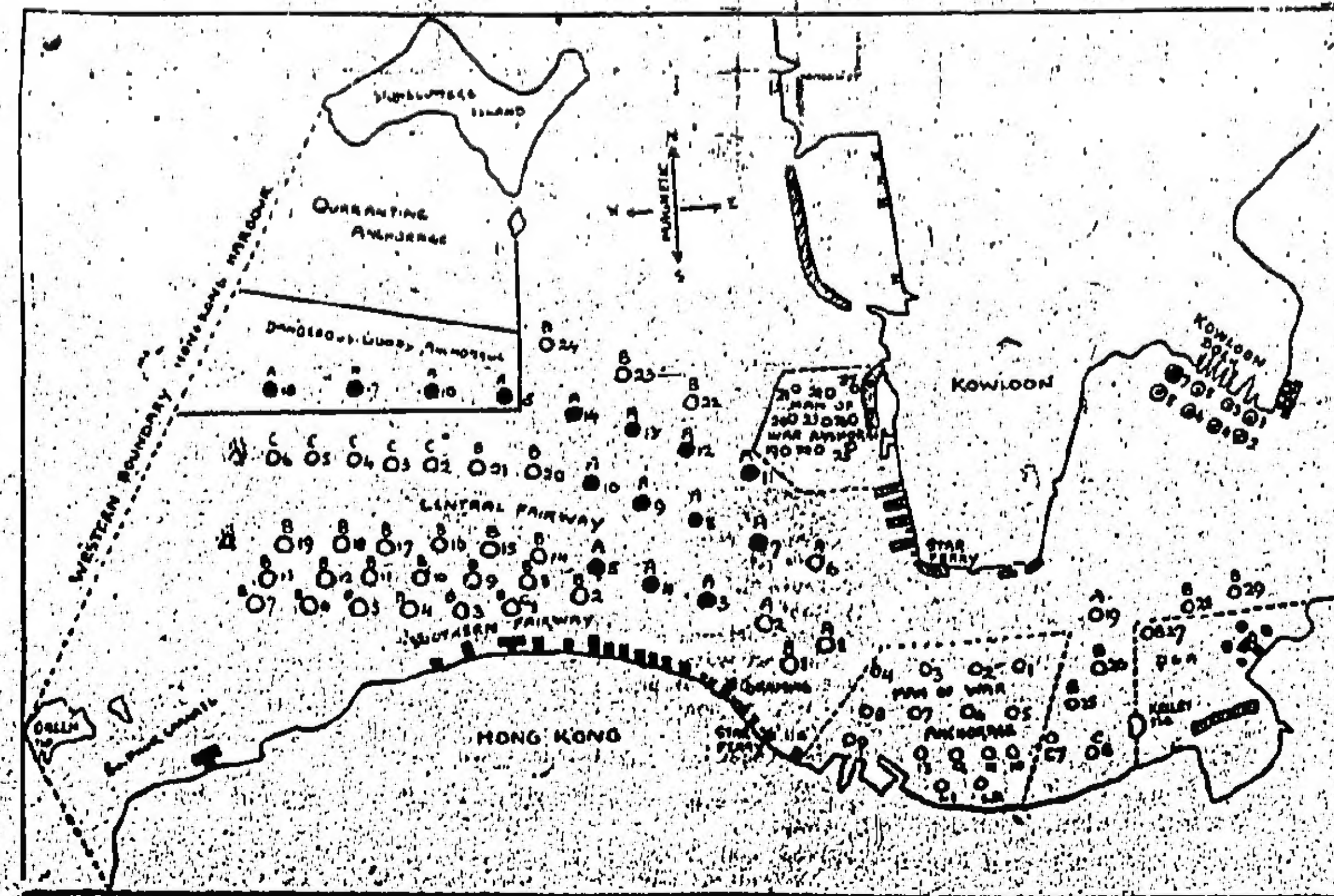
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|---|--|
| Friday, August 14.  |  |
| Akita Maru, Japanese str., 2,315 tons, Capt. K. Iroba, from Sakito, Stonecutters Anchorage.—N.Y.K.        |  |
| Hongkong, British str., 2,525 tons, Capt. H. G. Hay, from Swatow, Stonecutters Anchorage.—Ho Thong & Co.  |  |
| Seistan, British str., 1,571 tons, Capt. Alex. C. Inglis, from Hobe, buoy No. A14.—Jebshun S.S. Co.       |  |
| Saturday, August 15.  |  |
| Carnarvonshire, British str., 5,955 tons, Capt. H. S. Gulston, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—J. M. & Co. |  |
| Chichibu Maru, Japanese str., 10,286 tons, Capt. Y. Arakida, from Shanghai, Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.         |  |
| Golden Star, American str., 4,017 tons, Capt. O. Lee, from Lamit Bay, buoy No. A8.—States S.S. Co.        |  |

### HONG KONG TIDES.

The time used is Standard, or mean time of the meridian of 120 deg. E. 00h. is midnight, 12hrs. is noon. The heights are referred to the datum of the largest scale Admiralty chart of the place and should be added to the depths given on the chart unless preceded by an asterisk (\*), when they should be subtracted from the depths.

| August 17 to 23, 1931. |               |             |               |             |             |
|------------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| DATE                   | HIGH WATER    | LOW WATER   | DATE          | HIGH WATER  | LOW WATER   |
| August                 | Standard Time | Ht. in Feet | Standard Time | Ht. in Feet | Ht. in Feet |
| Mon. 17                | 00 00         | 5.1         | 04 02         | 2.1         | 2.1         |
|                        | 11 35         | 7.1         | 14 10         | 1.1         | 1.1         |
| Tues 18                | 01 30         | 6.3         | 14 44         | 4           | 4           |
|                        | 12 36         | 6.4         | 15 45         | 1.1         | 1.1         |
| Wed 19                 | 01 05         | 5.5         | 16 53         | 2.3         | 2.3         |
|                        | 13 32         | 5.3         | 19 21         | 2.1         | 2.1         |
| Thurs 20               | 01 40         | 5.8         | 19 55         | 2.2         | 2.2         |
|                        | 14 20         | 4.8         | 19 55         | 2.2         | 2.2         |
| Fri 21                 | 02 21         | 5.7         | 01 54         | 2.1         | 2.1         |
|                        | 15 27         | 5.6         | 02 35         | 2.3         | 2.3         |
| Sat 22                 | 03 13         | 5.8         | 11 31         | 1.7         | 1.7         |
|                        | 20 15         | 5.8         | 11 31         | 1.6         | 1.6         |
| Sun 23                 | 04 05         | 5.1         | 11 01         | 1.4         | 1.4         |
|                        | 21 13         | 4.4         | 22 51         | 2.9         | 2.9         |

### BUOY PLAN OF HONG KONG HARBOUR.



Huichow, British str., 1,222 tons, Capt. E. M. Gelle, from Canton, buoy No. B3.—B. & S.

Santo Maru, Japanese str., 1,820 tons, Capt. Y. Yoshida, from Dairen, buoy No. A12.—D.K.K.

Sinkiang, British str., 1,616 tons, Capt. F. Gibbs, from Swatow, buoy No. B20.—B. & S.

Tonkin, French str., 906 tons, Capt. J. Bonnamour, from Fort Bayard, buoy No. C2.—M. M.

Sunday, August 16.

California, American str., 3,343 tons, Capt. G. Johnson, from Kobe, Stonecutters Anchorage.—States S.S. Co.

Hiroshi Maru, Japanese str., 940 tons, Captain Y. Okada, from Keelung, Yaumati Anchorage.—M.B.K.

Kronviken, Norwegian str., 1,519 tons, Captain Kramme, from Hongay, Yaumati Anchorage.—Wallen & Co.

Lushan Maru, Japanese str., 1,507 tons, Capt. R. Nagayama, from Canton, Yaumati Anchorage.—N.Y.K.

### STEAM LAUNCH MASTER FINED.

#### Navigating Without a Red Light.

#### BLEW OUT PLEA.

Before the Hon. Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N. (Retired), in the Marine Court this morning, the master of the steam launch Kwong Foo was charged with having no red light on his craft while in motion in the Yaumati typhoon shelter on the night of August 13.

The master claimed that a gust of wind had blown the light out and it remained out for only about three minutes.

A Sergeant of the Water Police said that it took a long time for him to get the accused's launch to stop.

The Magistrate imposed a fine of \$10 or two weeks' hard labour in default.

### PASSENGER LIST.

#### ARRIVALS.

The following arrived in the Colony per s.s. President Lincoln:—

Mrs. Mary Bullen, Miss Mary Bullen, R. D. M. Cameron, W. L. Marshall, J. W. Sandilands, Rev. Antonio Brunet Sarda, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Ralston, Major E. St. C. Wren.

#### WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:—

Caradoc—West wall.

Cleola—South wall.

Odin—North wall.

Olus—No. 1 buoy.

Serpis—North arm.

Stormcloud—North arm.

Tamar—Basin.

Tarantula—North wall.

Foreign:—

Argus—French gunboat.

Helena—American gunboat.

Regulus—French sloop.

Smith Thompson—American gunboat.

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| Steamer  | Leaves Hong Kong | Arrives Wuchow | Leaves Wuchow | Arrives Hong Kong |
|----------|------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| TAI MING | WED. 19th        | FRI. 21st      | SAT. 22nd     | SUN. 23rd         |
| TAI HING | SUN. 23rd        | TUES. 25th     | WED. 26th     | THURS. 27th       |
| TAI HING | TUES. 25th       | THURS. 27th    | FRI. 28th     | SAT. 29th         |
| TAI HING | FRI. 28th        | SUN. 30th      | MON. 31st     | TUES. 1st         |
| TAI MING | MON. 31st        | WED. 2nd       | THURS. 3rd    | FRI. 4th          |

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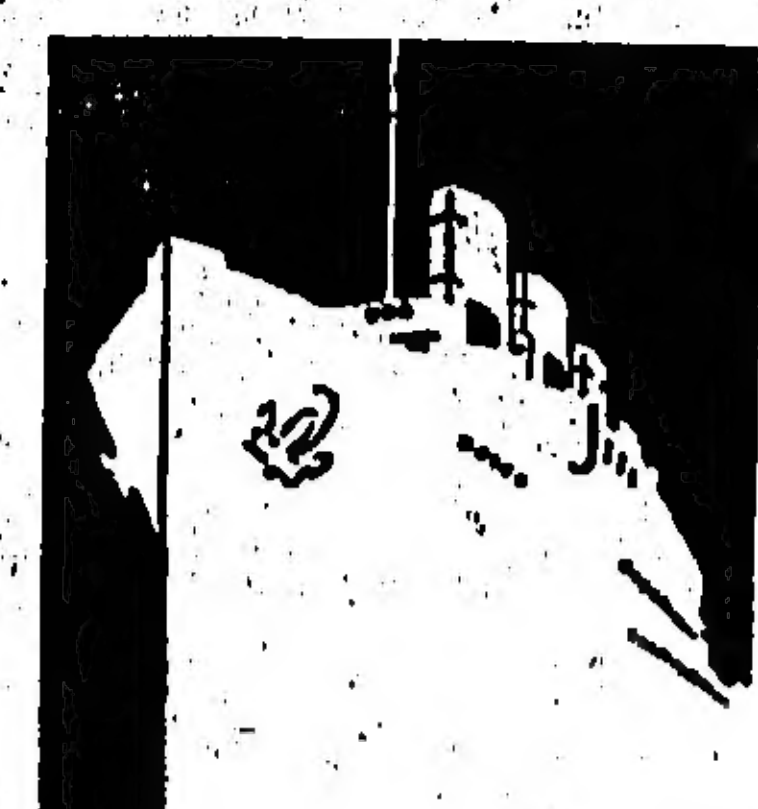
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| Leave             | Leave     | Leave    | Leave    | Leave    | Arrive    |
| Empress of Russia | Aug. 28   | Aug. 31  | Sept. 3  | Sept. 5  | Sept. 14  |
| Empress of Japan  | Sept. 12  | Sept. 15 | Sept. 17 | Sept. 19 | Sept. 27  |
| Empress of Asia   | Sept. 25  | Sept. 28 | Oct. 1   | Oct. 3   | Oct. 12   |
| Empress of Canada | Oct. 10   | Oct. 13  | Oct. 15  | Oct. 17  | Oct. 25   |
| Empress of Russia | Oct. 23   | Oct. 26  | Oct. 29  | Oct. 31  | Nov. 9    |
| Empress of Japan  | Nov. 7    | Nov. 10  | Nov. 12  | Nov. 14  | Nov. 22   |
| Empress of Asia   | Nov. 20   | Nov. 23  | Nov. 26  | Nov. 28  | Dec. 7    |
| Empress of Canada | Dec. 5    | Dec. 8   | Dec. 10  | Dec. 12  | Dec. 20   |
| Empress of Russia | Dec. 18   | Dec. 21  | Dec. 24  | Dec. 26  | Jan. 4    |

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|                   | Leave Hong Kong | Arrive Manila |
|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| EMPEROR OF RUSSIA | Aug. 20         | Aug. 22       |
| EMPEROR OF JAPAN  | Sept. 4         | Sept. 6       |

|                    |                  |
|--------------------|------------------|
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|-----------|--------|------------|---|
| *ALIPORE  | 5,300  | 19th Aug.  | Straits, Colombo & Bombay.  |
| *PADUA    | 6,000  | 22nd Aug.  | Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg,<br>Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull. |
| *KARMALA  | 9,000  | 29th Aug.  | Marseilles, London, Rotterdam, Ant-<br>werp & Hull.               |
| *ATHAY    | 15,000 | 12th Sept. | Bombay, Marseilles & London.                                      |
| *BOUDAN   | 6,800  | 19th Sept. | Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg,<br>Rotterdam & Antwerp.       |
| *KALYAN   | 9,000  | 26th Sept. | Marseilles, London, Rotterdam, Ant-<br>werp & Hull.               |
| *MANTUA   | 11,000 | 10th Oct.  | Marseilles & London.  |
| *KASHMIR  | 9,000  | 24th Oct.  | M'selles, L'don, R'dam & A'werp.                                  |
| *BURDWAN  | 6,500  | 31st Oct.  | Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg,<br>Rotterdam & Antwerp.       |
| NALDERA   | 16,000 | 7th Nov.   | Bombay, Marseilles & London.                                      |
| *KASHGAR  | 9,000  | 21st Nov.  | M'selles, L'don, R'dam & A'werp.                                  |
| RAJPUTANA | 17,000 | 5th Dec.   | Marseilles & London.  |
| CORFU     | 16,000 | 19th Dec.  | Marseilles & London.  |
| *SOMALI   | 6,500  | 26th Dec.  | Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg,<br>Rotterdam & Antwerp.       |

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| TALMA    | 10,000 | 30th Aug.  | Singapore, Penang & Calcutta. |
| TAKADA   | 7,000  | 21st Sept. | Singapore, Penang & Calcutta. |
| SIRDHANA | 8,000  | 4th Oct.   | Singapore, Penang & Calcutta. |
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| *NANKIN     | 7,000  | 27th Aug.  | Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.                    |
| *KALYAN     | 9,000  | 28th Aug.  | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.              |
| *ST. ALBANS | 4,500  | 31st Aug.  | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.         |
| MANTUA      | 11,000 | 11th Sept. | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.              |
| SIRDHANA    | 8,000  | 11th Sept. | Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.                     |
| *BURDWAN    | 6,500  | 12th Sept. | Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.                    |
| KASHMIR     | 9,000  | 25th Sept. | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.              |
| TILAWA      | 10,000 | 25th Sept. | Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.                     |
| NELLORE     | 7,000  | 5th Oct.   | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.         |
| SANTHIA     | 8,000  | 9th Oct.   | Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.                     |
| NALDERA     | 16,000 | 10th Oct.  | Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.                    |
| KASHGAR     | 9,000  | 17th Oct.  | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.              |
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to shove off once more.

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stance befitting so grand a relic of  
the nation's claim to freedom on  
the seas, the rebuilt frigate was  
officially placed in commission to-  
day (July 1), wrote Harlan Troth  
in the Christian Science Monitor.

Flags fluttered from lofty mast-  
heads. Beneath them flew the  
broad pennants of men in high com-  
mand. Great guns crashed out  
salvos of salutes to the gallant  
man-of-war, and the ranking officers  
of Navy and State assembled at the  
Boston Navy Yard for the commis-  
sioning ceremonies.

On board the Constitution a cen-  
tury seemed to have fallen from the  
calendar. The old-style, full-  
dress uniform frock-coats of the  
officers stood out in neat rows along  
the spar deck of the frigate. Gilt  
trimmings shimmered and gleamed  
on cocked hats and epaulettes. Oc-  
casionally a sword rattled in its  
scabbard somewhere along the files  
as Rear Admiral Louis M. Nulton,  
commandant of the First Naval  
District, read the official orders  
from the Navy Department placing  
the ship in commission.

Navy Orders Read.  
Then Commander Louis J.  
Gulliver read the Navy orders  
which made him Captain of the  
Constitution—the successor to Isaac  
Hull, Charles Stewart and Edward  
Preble in a long line of distinguish-  
ed commodores.

After the reading of the orders,  
flags were broken out from the  
rigging and the name of the early  
defender of the nation at sea was  
written into the roster of the  
Navy's fighting fleet once more.  
Guns roared from near-by ships—  
17 for Joseph B. Ely, Governor of  
the Commonwealth; 15 guns for  
Ernest Lee Johncke, Assistant  
Secretary of the Navy, and 13 for a  
rear admiral as the Commandant  
over the Constitution's gun-  
studded side to the thrill accom-  
paniment of a boatwain's pipe.

To-morrow is sailing day. But  
instead of setting out under sail,  
the frigate will go to Portsmouth;  
N.H., the first port of call in tow  
of the naval tender "Grabe." Can  
the navy find a crew to sail the old  
ship? This is the question that  
has been parried all along the line  
from the officers' wardrooms to the  
berth decks of the apprentice sea-  
men; from the Navy Department  
in Washington to the editorial  
pages of the small-town weeklies.

Lieut. John A. Lord, the man who  
rebuilt the old frigate, says there  
are no sailors left to man her—no  
sailors of the marlinespike school

who wore callouses on the backs of  
their knuckles from hauling an acre  
of canvas over a bucking yard when  
a ship was being "reefed down" in  
a gale. Sailors from outside, the  
navy have been mentioned as a  
possible crew, together with the  
possibility of training a crew drawn  
from the navy's enlisted ranks.

Rear Admiral Philip Andrews,  
U.S.N., retired, holds a different  
point of view. Admiral Andrews  
was the man who played an im-  
portant part in directing the cam-  
paign for public donations with  
which to rebuild the frigate. The  
admiral has had a long and dis-  
tinguished career in the naval ser-  
vice of his country. He bears of-  
ficial decorations for valiant ser-  
vice in the war zone during 1917  
from the United States and other  
nations. His experience is ground-  
ed in the early midshipman train-  
ing in square-rigged men-of-war  
such as the Constitution.

Admiral Andrews' View.  
Says Admiral Andrews: "Folks  
said there were none who could re-  
build her, but the men from the  
New England coast proved them  
wrong. Now we hear that there  
are none who can sail her. The  
Navy doesn't harbour any such  
fears." These statements were  
voiced when the discussion first  
arose as to whether there was a  
sufficient number of horny-fisted  
seadogs of the "old school" left in  
the Navy to shake out her huge  
sails, sheet them home and haul  
course for the itinerary mapped  
out by the authorities.

The second port of call takes the  
vessel into Bar Harbour. Natives  
of the regions around Frenchman's  
Bay have been going "deep water"  
for many past generations. It  
would be a sight to please the old  
"model whittlers" around the lob-  
ster shacks to have the frigate come  
booming in under Mt. Desert under  
a full press of canvas and then  
"back the main yard" right under  
the lighthouse. But, according to  
present orders from the Navy De-  
partment, schedules are schedules.  
But then if the frigate was going  
under sail, a flat calm might leave  
her seadogs whistling for a "smoky  
sou'wester" that would waft her  
into Frenchman's Bay.

From Bar Harbour the Constitu-  
tion goes to Bath, Maine. The  
visit may provide even more of a  
thrill for citizens of that thriving  
little shipbuilding city on the  
Kennebec. Bath has been building  
good wooden sailing vessels longer  
than any other port in the world.  
Bath has always been known as  
the home of good ships. Her pic-  
turesque river front was once lined  
with ships in the stocks, and ships  
at the rigging and sail lofts. Tall  
masts mingled with the white  
spires of the churches that dot the  
hillside city.

When the era of wooden ships  
went into the decline, Bath turned  
to laying the keels of great battle-  
ships. Eventually that business  
had its day and many of Bath's  
shipyards were only a tradition.  
The biggest and best yard turned  
to manufacturing tin plate plates.  
Bath will surely give the Constitu-  
tion a rousing welcome. The lofty  
spars of the nation's early defender  
will fit naturally into the sleepy  
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## Visit to Bath.

The Constitution's visit to  
Bath will be of even great-  
er significance, for it was  
in that city that Lieuten-  
ant Lord received the training  
which fitted him for the difficult  
task of rebuilding the old frigate.

Lieutenant Lord is a native of  
Bath. His grandfather was Adam  
Lemont of East Brunswick. Be-  
fore the boy was 10 years old he  
was making models of sailing ships.  
As a young man he served under  
Frederick Rideout, a noted Maine  
naval architect, and later he enter-  
ed the yard of the New England  
Shipbuilding Company. There he  
worked up through the various  
trades and by the time he was 23,  
Lieutenant Lord had become the  
draftsman and shipfitter in a pro-  
ject embracing the construction of  
22 vessels.

Three years later, Lieutenant  
Lord entered the naval construc-  
tion corps as an assistant ship  
draftsman. He soon showed his  
ability as a designer in drawing up  
all the specifications for the United  
States training vessel Boxer, a  
brig, built at Portsmouth. In  
1905, Lieutenant Lord was appoint-  
ed master builder of the super-  
dreadnaughts, New York and  
Arizona. During the World War  
he built 11 destroyers and six sub-  
marine chasers.

From a staff of naval construc-  
tion experts, ranging in grades  
from admirals down, Lieutenant  
Lord was appointed for the work  
of restoring the Constitution to its  
old-time splendour. For two years  
the erstwhile builder of wooden  
ships occupied himself with the task  
of obtaining an accurate set of  
lines from the vessel as well as with  
the designing of docking plans, and  
a cradle upon which the disintegrated  
hulk was to rest during the four-  
year period of restoration.

To Get Working Plans.  
In order to gather a complete set  
of working plans of the ship, Lieuten-  
ant Lord was frequently obliged  
to crawl into the lower part of the  
ship, squeezing into narrow, low-  
studied parts of the decaying hull,  
taking off actual measurements of  
parts to be restored.

From early morning until late at  
night, year in and year out, the  
noted builder has been on the job  
pouring over plans in the special  
office at the navy yard or supervising  
the work on board the ship.

As soon as work was ready to  
start on the Constitution in 1927,  
Lieutenant Lord sent down to Bath  
for a staff of shipwrights whose  
ability to wield the adz and maul  
made them especially fitted for the  
exacting work. With them came  
several pieces of machinery which  
could only be found in the port that  
was famous the world over as the  
home of the wooden shipbuilding  
craft. One of these machines was  
a lathe for turning out wooden pins  
for fastening planks to frames.  
These pins are technically known  
as treenails. The downcasters,  
however, call them "trunnels."

That Lieutenant Lord is an ex-  
pert rigger as well as a builder of  
ships is evidenced in the cloud-  
reaching maze of shrouds and spars  
which can carry a load of canvas  
providing the Navy has anyone to  
sail her. Lieutenant Lord, for  
(Continued at foot of next column.)

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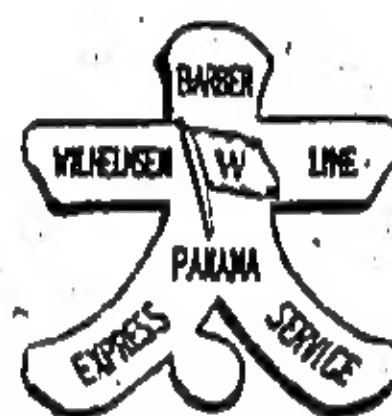
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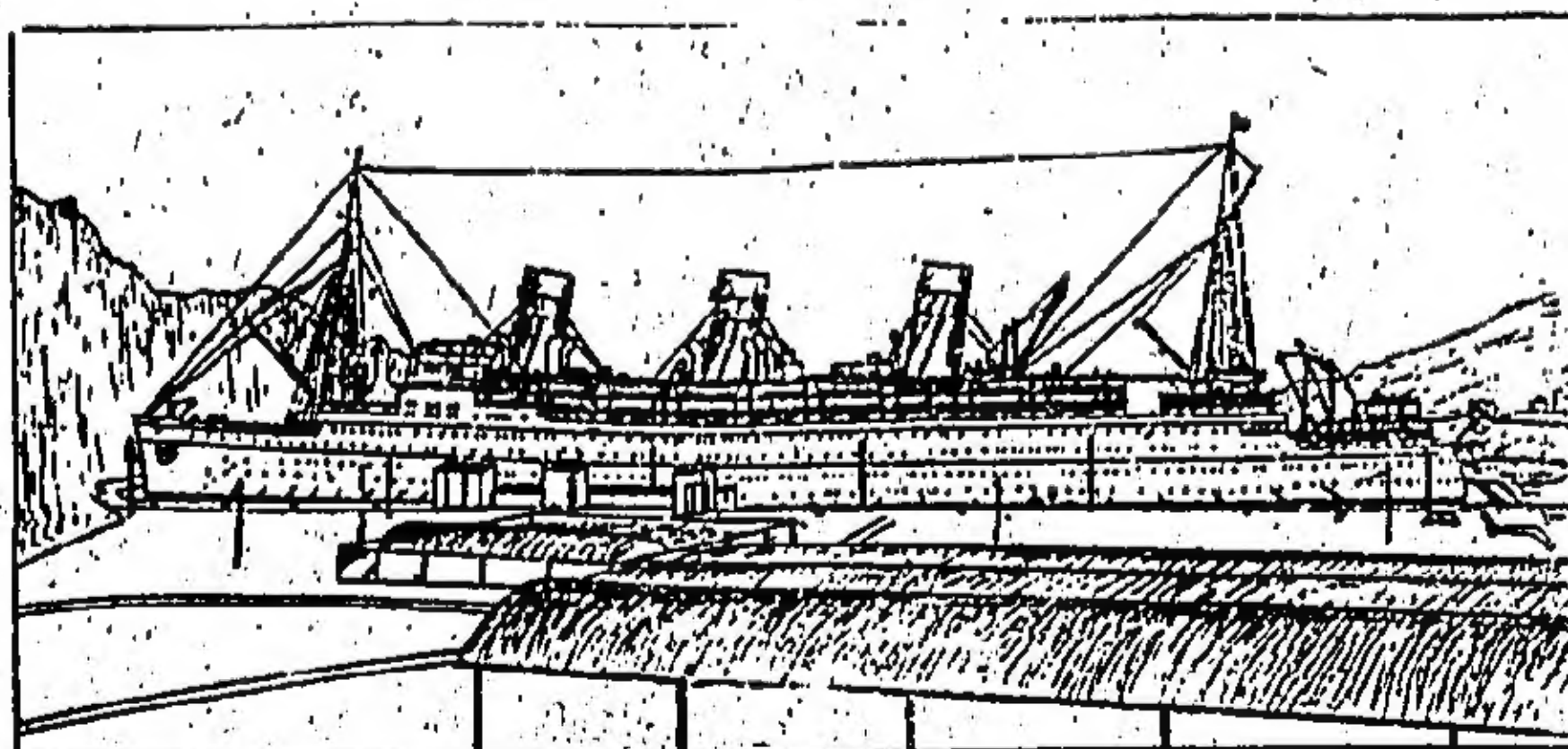
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one, thinks the idea couldn't be  
carried out; that sailing her would  
be even more difficult than rebuild-  
ing the ship.  
Rigging of Rope.  
True to the custom of ship-rig-  
ging more than a century ago, the  
rebuilder of the Constitution has  
set up his masts and spars with  
standing rigging made entirely of  
rope.  
The odour of Stockholm  
tar brings back memories  
of sailing-ship days. The  
great wheels which move the  
rudder recall the battles with storm  
as well as with hostile ships which  
are recounted in the vessel's log.  
The life rails that hold the rows of  
belaying pins for making fast hal-  
yards and clewlines are a veritable  
puzzle to the modern sailor as much  
as to the landlubber.  
"Slack away the starboard, 'gel-  
lant' clewline," shouted a rigger  
from the fore top gallant yard of  
the ship as the work was being  
brought to a conclusion. Men on  
deck scurried around seizing rope  
after rope in hopes of "striking"  
the right "cord." An old Bath  
shipwright finally had to solve the  
intricate problem by walking up to  
the fore life rail and casting off  
the proper line without a moment's  
hesitation. Lieutenant Lord couldn't  
see where a crew could be scraped  
together who could find the star-  
board top gallant clewline or any  
other of the thousand and one lines  
on a dark night without a moment's  
hesitation. When a full rigger has  
to let go a line, sometimes it has  
to go "on the run." But Lieuten-  
ant Lord has done his job and has  
done it well as a bronze plate at  
the starboard gangway attests.  
The frigate is ready to sail if the  
sailors can be found who can take  
her to sea under sail.



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metres:

6-8 p.m.—European Programme  
of Victor Records.

6-6:27 p.m.—Band Selections:  
Doccaccio—Tarentelle e Valzer  
(Franz von Suppe).

Mirela Turca (Bizart).  
Banda Creatore (18711).

El Capitan March (Souza).  
Stars and Stripes Forever (Souza).

Arthur Pryor's Band (35805).  
Tripoli (D'Anna).  
Syncope (Creatore).

6:27-7 p.m.—Variety.  
Vocal Duet—  
When It's Springtime in the Rockies,  
"Sleepy" Rio Grande,  
Bud & Joe Billings (V-40088).

Organ Solo—  
Lenox Avenue Blues,  
St. Louis Blues,  
Thomas Waller (20367).

Barjo Solo—  
The Doll Dance,  
Eddie Peabody—His Barjo  
(20698).

Chorus—  
Honey .... Utica Institute Jubilee  
Singers (20506).

Violin Solo—  
Roumanian Gypsy Song,  
Lazaros Constantine (21175).

Song—  
Desert Blues,  
My Carolina Sunshine Girl,  
Jimmie Rodgers (V-40090).

7:05-7:30 p.m.—A Concert.  
Song—  
Mighty Lak a Rose  
(Stanley-Nevins).

Violin Solo—  
From the Land of the Sky-Blue  
Water (Cadenman-Kreiser).

Aloha Oe (Lillokalan-Kreiser).  
Fritz Kreisler (1115).

Piano Solo—  
Polish Dance (Scharwenka).  
Hans Barth (20203).

Song—  
Moonlight and Roses (Black-Moret).  
The Sweetest Call (Troon-Morrow).

John McCormack (Tenor)  
(1092).

Violin Solo—  
Caprice Antique (Balogh-Kreiser).  
Fritz Kreisler (1093).

7:30-7:47 p.m.—Light Opera  
Gems.  
Gems from "Pinafore"  
(Gilbert-Sullivan).

Victor Light Opera Co.  
(35389).

Gems from "The Ch. date Soldier"  
(Stange-Strauss).

Gems from "The Merry Widow"  
(Leon-Lehar).

Victor Light Opera Co.  
(35413).

7:47-8 p.m.—Orchestral.  
(a) Gnomes (Reinhold).  
(b) Dwarf's (Reinhold).

(a) Fairies (Schubert).  
(b) Clowns (from "Midsummer Night's  
Dream") (Mendelssohn).

Victor Orchestra (19882).  
Evening Song—  
Victor String Ensemble  
(19854).

Marcheta (Scherzinger).  
Victor Salon Orchestra  
(19876).

8 p.m.—Local Time & Weather  
Report.  
8:03-11:30 p.m.—Ko Shing  
Theatre Relay.  
11:30 p.m.—Close Down.

## A LISTENER'S LOG.

Wireless Enthusiasts in China—  
Canton's Broadcasting.

Singapore, July 22.  
The misunderstanding which  
arose regarding the metre-length  
of Pontoise, Paris, is definitely  
settled by the receipt of a letter  
from the French Consul in Singa-  
pore. M. Ballereau writes:—"I  
beg to draw your attention to a  
mistake which has been made in  
the list published by you of the  
radio stations which can be heard  
in Singapore. The Poste d'Etat  
Francaise de Radiodiffusion, of  
Pontoise, Paris, broadcasts daily  
for the Far East on a wave-length  
of 19 meters 68cm. This station  
can be heard very clearly in Singa-  
pore, between the hours of 9:30  
p.m. and 0:30 a.m." I understand  
that Pontoise also broadcasts on a  
wave-length of 25.62 metres be-  
tween 3 a.m. and 6 a.m.

With the establishment of a  
broadcasting station in Canton,  
the wireless habit has caught on in  
China, and the universality of this  
form of recreation is evidenced by  
the sight of arials on almost every  
roof. The Canton Municipal

Broadcasting Station was in-  
augurated in May, 1929. The  
equipment is American, and in-  
stalled by the China Electric Co.  
It has a power of 1,000 watts;  
length of wave, 440 metres; and  
call signal C.M.B. Two pro-  
grammes are offered daily except  
Tuesdays, one beginning at noon  
and the other at 7 in the evenings.

The station is very well kept and  
is one of the best in the country.  
Loud speakers are placed at differ-  
ent points in the Central Public  
Park (in which the station is  
housed) and these have been in-  
strumental in cultivating the wire-  
less habit among the citizens. The  
station is controlled by the Muni-  
cipal Government and under the  
charge of Mr. Tang Voonwah, who  
is assisted by Mr. Woo Hon-ling,  
the technical assistant. Wireless  
as a form of entertainment is de-  
cidedly gaining in public favour in  
China. Swatow is planning a broad-  
casting station of its own while the  
Kongmoon Municipality has  
already a receiving apparatus and  
loud speakers are in existence in  
the public park of that city where  
relays are arranged of the pro-  
grammes broadcast from the Can-  
ton station.

The Japanese Radio Broadcasting  
Association, a private corporation  
under Government control with ex-  
clusive right to make radio broad-  
casts in Japan, has concluded an  
agreement for exclusive inter-  
change of international pro-  
grammes with the United  
States through the National  
Broadcasting Co. The pro-  
posal for an agreement for ex-  
clusive co-operation was submitted  
to the Japanese Association by the  
National Broadcasting Co. in  
March and adopted after some  
slight changes. The Japanese  
Broadcasting Association, organi-  
zed four years ago, plans additional  
stations at Fukuoka and Kokura,  
in the southern island of Kyushu  
within the next 18 months, and at  
Aomori in Northern Honshu Island  
and Kyoto in Central Honshu, with-  
in a year. The Association now  
operates three large stations;  
JOAK, Tokyo; JOBK, Osaka; and  
JOCK, Nagoya. Smaller stations  
are in Sendai, Hiroshima, Kuma-  
moto, Shizuoka, Nagano, Okayama,  
Sapporo and Kanazawa.

The organisation has the ex-  
clusive right to radio broadcasting  
in the empire proper and charges a  
fee of one yen a month to all hold-  
ers of receiving sets. There are  
about 700,000 subscribers and the  
number is increasing. The or-  
ganisation is based on the general  
plan of the British Broadcasting  
Corporation. Mr. Kenzo Kawahara,  
former head of the Shibaura Iron  
Works, is president. Advertising  
programmes are not allowed and  
the income of the organisation is  
solely from subscribers. The com-  
pany is a non-profit making cor-  
poration and its president and directors  
serve without pay. Income now  
amounts to about \$70,000 a year,  
which is used to pay off debts con-  
tracted when the company was  
started and cover running expenses,  
including those of the employees,  
artists, research workers, etc.

We, in Malaya, don't hear much  
about our short-wave station, 5SW,  
at Chelmsford. And yet, as shown  
by a report from an Australian cor-  
respondent, 5SW is still reaching  
out.

During Summer months in Aus-  
tralia 5SW can be heard at really  
good strength between 10:30 and  
11:30 p.m., but the reverse ap-  
plies to morning reception. In-  
fact, it is a matter of great diffi-  
culty to even pick up the faint car-  
rier wave of 5SW between 5 and 8  
p.m. in Spring or Winter. Last  
month a noticeable improvement  
was noted in strength of signals  
and recently the increase in  
strength has been rather surpris-  
ing. 5SW can be picked up by  
early risers at 5 a.m., when one of  
the early-morning thrills is the  
hearing of Big Ben in London  
striking the hour of 7 p.m. the pre-  
vious night! The Australian  
listener forms a very fair idea of  
our programmes by listening to  
Chelmsford, for 5SW relays the Na-  
tional programmes.

Up to the present speaker results  
of 5SW in Malaya have not been  
very good, but doubtless, when the  
new Empire radio station is an ac-  
complished fact we shall have no  
difficulty in hearing London music  
—Laird Times.

## RUSSIAN RADIO.

The Communist's Almanac for  
1931 states that there were 1,267,  
000 receiving sets in Soviet Russia  
instead of the 2,500,000 allowed for  
in the Five-year Plan. The 150,  
000 receiving sets which were to  
be added during the "special quar-  
ter," from October 1, 1930, to  
January 1, 1931, were only partial-  
ly realised, according to reliable  
estimates, by no more than 65 per  
cent. On April 1, 1927, there  
were only 157,000 radio receiving  
sets of which 52 per cent. were of  
amateur production. The sets in  
operation now are professionally  
manufactured and number ten  
times as many sets as four years  
ago.

## TELEVISION.

Invention Eliminates  
Use of Discs.

San Francisco, July 11.  
Television without discs and mak-  
ing use only of tubes has been per-  
fected, Mr. Philo Farnsworth, an  
inventor, announced to-day. Mr.  
Farnsworth has been conducting  
his television experiments over a  
period of five years with the finan-  
cial backing of the executives of  
the Crocker First National Bank  
here.  
Mr. Farnsworth said that he is  
preparing to start at once for  
Philadelphia where he will erect the  
first commercial television station.  
He said that the broadcast of the  
television he has perfected is clear  
for a distance of 50 miles and that  
it can be carried any distance by  
telephone wires and then be re-  
transmitted over another 50 miles  
radius.

## STANDARD TIMES.

Sunrise and Sunset  
in Colony.

Sunrise and Sunset in Hong  
Kong for August, 1931. Stan-  
dard time of the 120th Meridian  
East of Greenwich are as fol-  
lows:—

| August | Sunrise   | Sunset    |
|--------|-----------|-----------|
| 13     | a.m. 6.01 | p.m. 6.53 |
| 19     | 6.02      | 6.52      |
| 20     | 6.02      | 6.52      |
| 21     | 6.02      | 6.51      |
| 22     | 6.03      | 6.50      |
| 23     | 6.03      | 6.49      |
| 24     | 6.03      | 6.48      |
| 25     | 6.03      | 6.47      |
| 26     | 6.04      | 6.46      |
| 27     | 6.04      | 6.44      |
| 28     | 6.04      | 6.43      |
| 29     | 6.05      | 6.43      |
| 30     | 6.05      | 6.42      |
| 31     | 6.05      | 6.42      |

## HONG KONG MARKET PRODUCE.

## APPROXIMATE RETAIL PRICES.

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| Corned                | 咸牛肉 | 23                   | 13     | 13     |
| Roast                 | 燒牛肉 | 33                   | 24     | 22     |
| Breast                | 牛腩  | 30                   | 20     | 18     |
| Soup                  | 湯肉  | 27                   | 20     | 18     |
| Steak                 | 牛腩  | 33                   | 24     | 22     |
| Steak Sirloin         | 牛腩  | 46                   | 30     | 25     |
| Sausages              | 牛腩  | 36                   | 28     | 20     |
| Bullock's Brains      | 牛腦  | 17                   | 10     | 12     |
| Tongue, fresh         | 牛舌  | 75                   | 50     | 60     |
| Tongue, corned        | 牛舌  | 60                   | —      | —      |
| Head                  | 牛頭  | \$1.20               | —      | \$1.20 |
| Heart                 | 牛心  | 24                   | 18     | 14     |
| Hump, Salt            | 牛肩  | 20                   | 18     | —      |
| Feet                  | 牛蹄  | 12                   | 10     | 12     |
| Kidneys               | 牛腰  | 15                   | 10     | 12     |
| Tail                  | 牛尾  | 27                   | 20     | 22     |
| Liver                 | 牛肝  | 24                   | 13     | 14     |
| Tripe                 | 牛肚  | 8                    | 6      | 7      |
| Calves Head & Feet    | 牛頭  | \$1.50               | \$1.00 | \$1.00 |
| Mutton Chop           | 羊排  | 44                   | 28     | —      |
| Leg                   | 羊腿  | 44                   | 28     | —      |
| Shoulder              | 羊肩  | 40                   | 24     | —      |
| Saddle                | 羊鞍  | 44                   | —      | —      |
| Pig's Chittlings      | 豬蹄  | 30                   | 27     | —      |
| Brains                | 豬腦  | Per set 3            | —      | —      |
| Feet                  | 豬蹄  | 16                   | 15     | —      |
| Fry                   | 豬蹄  | 28                   | 15     | 18     |
| Head                  | 豬頭  | 18                   | 20     | —      |
| Heart                 | 豬心  | 15                   | 10     | 10     |
| Kidneys               | 豬腰  | 15                   | 10     | 8      |
| Liver                 | 豬肝  | 48                   | 30     | 24     |
| Pork Chop             | 豬排  | 38                   | 25     | 28     |
| Leg                   | 豬腿  | 38                   | —      | —      |
| Loin                  | 豬腰  | 44                   | 60     | 70     |
| Fat or Lard           | 豬油  | 26                   | 21     | —      |
| Sheep's Head & Feet   | 羊頭  | 90                   | 60     | 70     |
| Heart                 | 羊心  | 12                   | 8      | 7      |
| Kidneys               | 羊腰  | 15                   | 12     | 10     |
| Liver                 | 羊肝  | 45                   | 28     | 25     |
| Sucking Pig, to order | 乳豬  | 25                   | 25     | 22     |
| Suet, Beef            | 牛油  | 38                   | 26     | 26     |
| Mutton                | 羊肉  | 22                   | 20     | 20     |
| Veal                  | 牛腩  | 28                   | —      | —      |
| Sausages              | 牛腩  | 28                   | —      | —      |
| No. 1                 | 牛腩  | 28                   | —      | —      |

|                         |     | Aug. 12, June, June, |       |       |
|-------------------------|-----|----------------------|-------|-------|
|                         |     | 1931.                | 1918. | 1914. |
|                         |     | Cts.                 | Cts.  | Cts.  |
| Fish.                   |     |                      |       |       |
| Barbel                  | 鰱魚  | 50                   | 16    | 24    |
| Bream                   | 鰱魚  | 58                   | 20    | 16    |
| Canton Fresh Water Fish | 淡水魚 | 38                   | —     | —     |
| Carp                    | 鯉魚  | 38                   | 13    | 16    |
| Catfish                 | 鰱魚  | 50                   | 16    | 27    |
| Codfish                 | 鰱魚  | 46                   | 12    | 9     |
| Crabs                   | 蟹   | 54                   | 16    | 17    |
| Crabs                   | 蟹   | 82                   | 23    | 26    |
| Crabs                   | 蟹   | 26                   | 16    | 27    |
| Dah                     | 魚   | 56                   | 23    | 16    |
| Dace                    | 魚   | 22                   | 10    | —     |
| Dog Fish                | 魚   | 56                   | 10    | 8     |
| Eels, Conger            | 魚   | 56                   | 16    | —     |
| Fresh Water             | 魚   | 50                   | 10    | 8     |
| Yellow                  | 魚   | 80                   | 26    | 30    |
| Frogs                   | 魚   | 82                   | 22    | 25    |
| Garoupa                 | 魚   | 28                   | 40    | 30    |
| Gudgeon                 | 魚   | 35                   | 22    | 18    |
| Herrings                | 魚   | 44                   | 13    | 23    |
| Halibut                 | 魚   | 46                   | 18    | 15    |
| Labrus                  | 魚   | 74                   | 62    | 24    |
| Loach                   | 魚   | 58                   | 32    | 21    |
| Lobsters                | 魚   | 50                   | 20    | 20    |
| Mackerel                | 魚   | 46                   | 18    | 2     |
| Monk Fish               | 魚   | 40                   | 12    | 2     |
| Mullet                  | 魚   | 38                   | 14    | 9     |
| Oysters                 | 魚   | 84                   | 80    | 15    |
| Perch                   | 魚   | 52                   | 16    | 9     |
| Pike                    | 魚   | 50                   | 36    | 29    |
| Plaice                  | 魚   | 82                   | 36    | 30    |
| Pomfret, White          | 魚   | 44                   | 36    | 45    |
| Pomfret, Black          | 魚   | 80                   | 10    | 14    |
| Prawns                  | 魚   | 28                   | 10    | 14    |
| Ray                     | 魚   | 35                   | 13    | 18    |
| Rock Fish               | 魚   | 40                   | 22    | 10    |
| Salmon                  | 魚   | 22                   | 8     | 10    |
| Shark                   | 魚   | 22                   | 10    | 10    |
| Skate                   | 魚   | 66                   | 33    | 59    |
| Shrimps                 | 魚   | 52                   | 28    | 28    |
| Snapper                 | 魚   | 52                   | 22    | 28    |
| Soles                   | 魚   | 44                   | 26    | 85    |
| Tench                   | 魚   | 42                   | 12    | 12    |
| Turbot                  | 魚   | 140                  | 40    | —     |
| Small, fr. water        | 魚   | 140                  | 40    | —     |

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|---------------------|---|----------------------|-------|-------|
|                     |   | 1931.                | 1918. | 1914. |
|                     |   | Cts.                 | Cts.  | Cts.  |
| Poultry.            |   |                      |       |       |
| Chicken             | 雞 | lb.                  | 64    | 30 31 |
| Capon, Small        | 雞 | "                    | 60    | 28 30 |
| Capon, Large        | 雞 | "                    | 68    | 28 30 |
| Duck                | 鴨 | "                    | 42    | 22 21 |
| Doves               | 鴿 | each                 | 60    | 22 21 |
| Eggs, Hen (cooking) | 蛋 | per doz.             | 38    | 18 —  |
| Eggs, Hen (fresh)   | 蛋 | "                    | 36    | 25 20 |
| Powls, Canton       | 鴨 | lb.                  | 70    | 36 24 |
| Powls, Hainan       | 鴨 | "                    | 60    | 85 24 |
| Geese               | 鴨 | "                    | 48    | 24 —  |
| Pigeons, Canton     | 鴿 | each                 | 42    | 80 —  |
| " " " " " " " "     | 鴿 | "                    | 35    | 28 —  |
| Turkeys, Cook       | 雞 | lb.                  | 75    | — —   |
| Turkeys, Hen        | 雞 | "                    | 60    | 61 45 |
| Snipe               | 鴨 | each                 | 30    | — —   |
| Pheasant            | 鴨 | pair                 | —     | — —   |
| Quail               | 鴨 | each                 | —     | — —   |
| Partridges          | 鴨 | each                 | —     | — —   |





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## CHILD OF ONLY FIVE KIDNAPPED.

Well Fed and Treated to  
the Pictures.

AN AMATEUR DETECTIVE.

Before the Police Judge at the Assizes to-day, a Chinese man, named Wong Ping, and an aged woman, named Wong Kam, were charged with stealing a child of five years of age.

Both accused, who were not legally represented, denied stealing the child. The male accused said that another man, named Lee Yin, gave the child to him and he led it away.

His Lordship: Did you know that the child was stolen?—No.

The second accused also admitted leading the child away but added that she did not know anything else.

His Lordship recorded pleas of "not guilty" in both cases, and the following jury was called: Messrs. A. S. Abbott (Foreman), A. Zimmern, C. Jackson, Chun Yat-fung, L. A. Rozario, R. G. Craig, and J. A. Lau.

Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, who prosecuted, said that after leaving his father's stall the boy met the two prisoners and was taken away by them. At about 4 p.m. he was seen in the company of the two accused in Lockhart Road, Wanchai. The man who saw them in Wanchai was a car cleaner. He became suspicious of the accused's movements, acted as an amateur detective and kept them under observation very effectively.

Two Men Watched.  
This amateur detective would say that there was another man with the accused. The two men were standing a little apart and making signs to the accused woman. The boy was given food at a bean curd stall. The amateur detective hung about and kept the parties under observation for about an hour. Then the two men walked away and the woman and child went a little later.

Taken to the Pictures.  
At about 6 or 7 p.m. the amateur detective followed the parties to the Grand Theatre, Queen's Road East, and there he saw the first accused buy a ticket and give it to the woman who took the boy inside with her. Having seen the two men go off in a bus, and knowing that the woman and boy would be in the theatre for some time, the amateur detective went to a friend of his, who was a professional detective and a member of the Police force, and communicated his suspicion to him.

Woman and Boy Shadowed.  
They went to the theatre together. The amateur detective bought a ticket and went inside. He sat behind the woman and boy, whilst the professional detective stayed outside.

The show finished at about 9 p.m. and the amateur detective followed the woman and child out. Outside was not only the professional detective, but the first accused. The other man was not there, having probably gone off to make arrangements to send the boy away.

My Grandson.  
The woman and the boy went in front and the male accused followed. In Spring Garden Lane the

## 12 ALLEGED REDS UNDER ARREST.

Teng Yen-ta Included  
in Bunch.

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Shanghai, Yesterday.  
The Shanghai Military Concession Police, yesterday afternoon, arrested 12 alleged Communists, including Teng Yen-ta, a prominent member of the Wu Han Communist Government, who worked in 1927 under Borodin.—Reuter.

NEW FROM COUNTRY

Alleged Intention to  
Rob.

CHINESE ON TRIAL.

At noon to-day the Police Judge and the jury empanelled for the Kidnapping Case reported separately proceeded with the hearing of the case against a man named Wong Ho, who was charged on two counts as under:

(1) Assault by two or more with intent to rob.

Statement of offence: That the accused, with another not in custody, and unknown to the Crown, did, on July 6, 1931, assault Pun Wo with intent to rob him.

(2) Being at night in a building with intent.

Statement of offence: That the accused, on the night of July 5 and 6, was found in the house known as No. 27, North Street, third floor, with intent to steal the property of Pun Wo.

The accused's reply to the charges was: "I am new from the country. I did not go in. A fellow countryman of mine went."

The case is proceeding.

male accused caught them up and took the boy's other hand. Then the amateur detective gave a signal to his friend and they approached the accused and asked them where they had got the boy. The male accused replied that he was the old woman's grandson, and the female accused said that was so. The Police detective was not satisfied with that answer, so took three to the Police Station.

Evidence was taken corroborating Mr. Whyte-Smith's opening statement, after which the accused made statements similar to those made at the time they were charged.

Jury Addressed.

His Lordship, in his address to the jury, told them that even if they had doubt that the accused had actually taken the boy away, they could still fall back on the word "detained" which occurred in the indictment against them.

Without retiring, the jury returned verdicts of "guilty" against both accused.

Fortunate for Accused.

In sentencing the male accused to four years' hard labour, his Lordship said that there was no direct evidence that he had actually decoyed the boy. That was fortunate for him, because, if there had been such evidence, he would have given him the "cat" in addition to the jail term.

To the woman, his Lordship said, that in view of her age, he would send her to a lesser term of two years' hard labour.

## CHEUNG CHAU NOTES.

Features of the Bible  
Conference.

CHILDREN'S SPORTS.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]  
August 17.  
The fine weather which had prevailed for the first part of last week deserted us on Thursday and the numbers attending the Bible Conference were slightly diminished. There was also a change in the programme. The Rev. G. Morrison took the address on Thursday. On Friday the hour was given up to the relating of outstanding incidents in the experience of some of the missionaries during the past year.

Miss F. G. Meeker told of how the way was opened up for some industrial work for the girls of the "Door of Hope" rescue mission and how special funds were sent in for the building of a compound wall.

Mr. Spence spoke of successful meetings held in Kennedy Town.

During the week special selections were rendered by House 27 quartette. Mrs. Ray and Mrs. Hensley sang a duet at another meeting, and Mrs. Kunze a solo at the concluding meeting. All these items were ably rendered and added considerably to the interest of the meetings.

On Saturday, in spite of threatening weather, the annual sports for the children spending their vacation on the Island were held on the bathing beach (swimming events were out of the question as breakers were coming in with considerable force). Mr. Becking, ably assisted by Mr. Doyal and other members of the Sports Committee, superintended the sports. The following were the prize winners:

Boys under 6:—1, M. W. Rankin, jun.; 2, Denis Bray; 3, Bobby Williamson.

Girls under 6:—1, Sybil Rousseau; 2, Barbara Bray; 3, Carolyn Ady.

Boys 6 and 7:—1, Daniel Ray; 2, Donald Becking; 3, Jimmy Cocks. Girls 6 and 7:—1, Jean Spence; 2, Evelyn Rousseau; 3, Esther Burr.

Boys 8 to 10:—1, Tommy Sutter; 2, Helmut Sauer; 3, Gaylor Kelley. Girls 8 to 10:—1, Ruth Mitchell; 2, Page Rankin; 3, Evelyn Morrison.

Boys 11 to 13:—1, George Kelley; 2, Paul Kelley; 3, Charles Morrison.

Girls 11 up:—1, Elizabeth Rousseau; 2, Katherine Burr; 3, Mable Hensley.

Jumping.  
Boys 6 and 7:—1, Jimmy Cocks; 2, Warren Kelley; 3, Donald Becking.

Boys 8 to 10:—1, Helmut Sauer; 2, Tommy Sutter; 3, Gaylor Kelley. Boys 11 to 13:—1, George Kelley; 2, Paul Kelley; 3, Robert Cocks.

The swimming events were postponed to Saturday next.

Although the typhoon was of a mild character, it prevented the launch from running until Monday evening and considerably lessened the attendance at the afternoon service when the Rev. W. W. Clayton, of the L.M.S. preached a thoughtful and inspiring sermon on "Knowing Christ."

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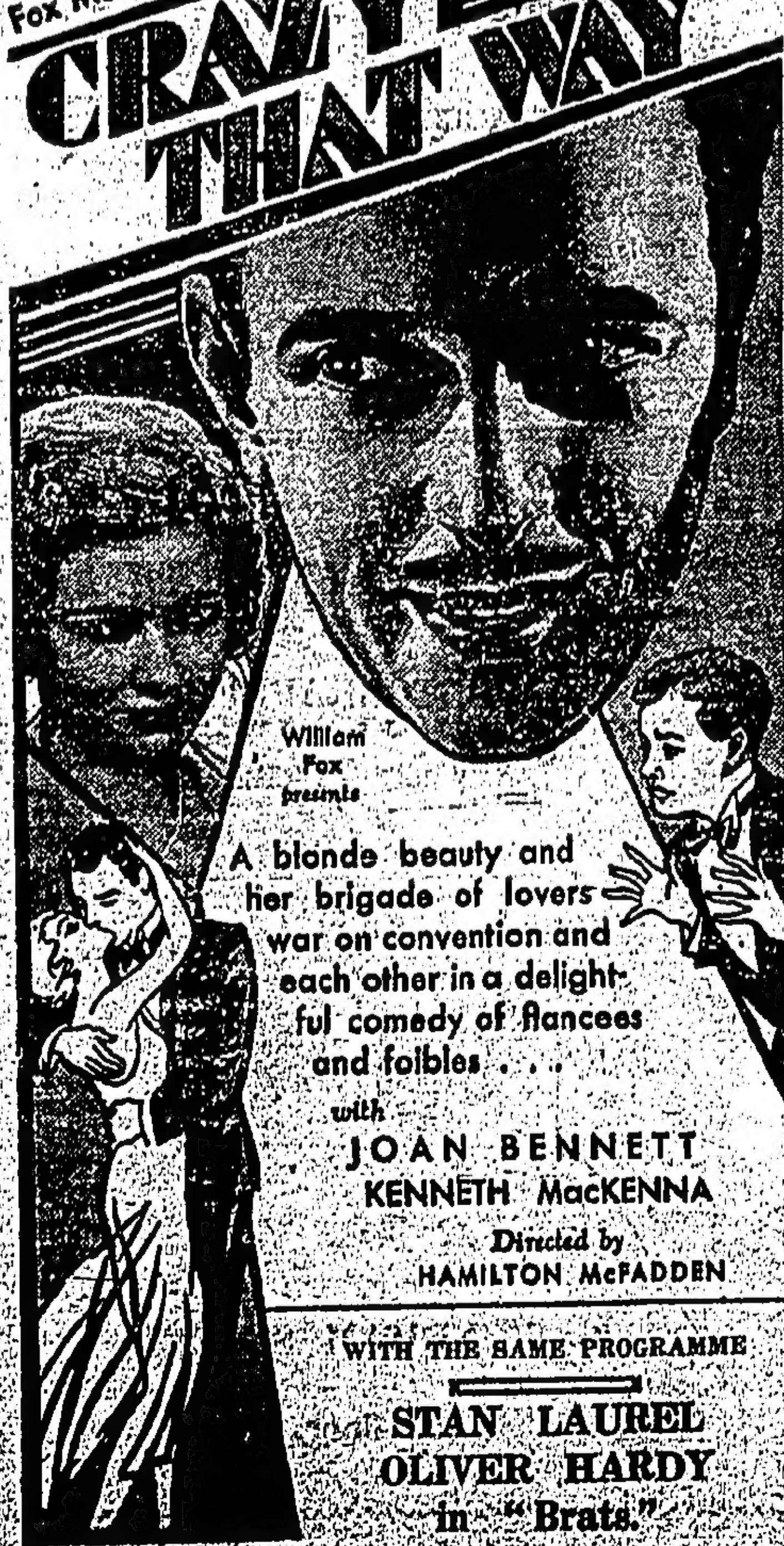


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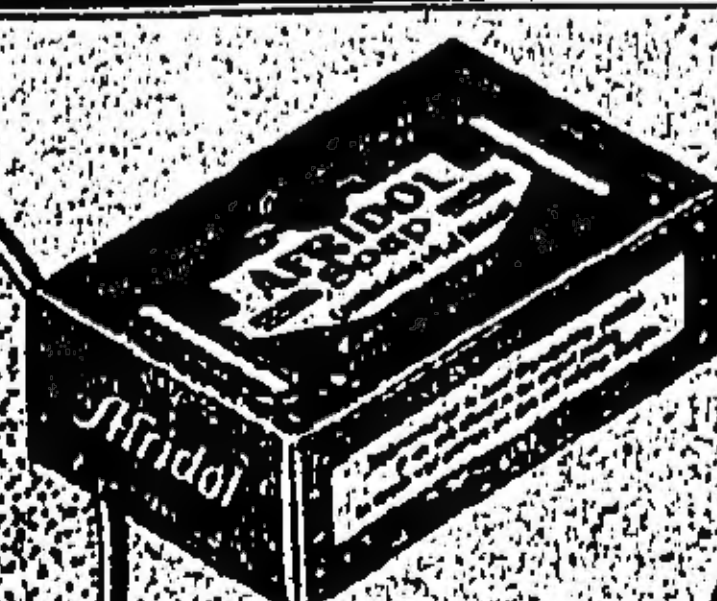
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